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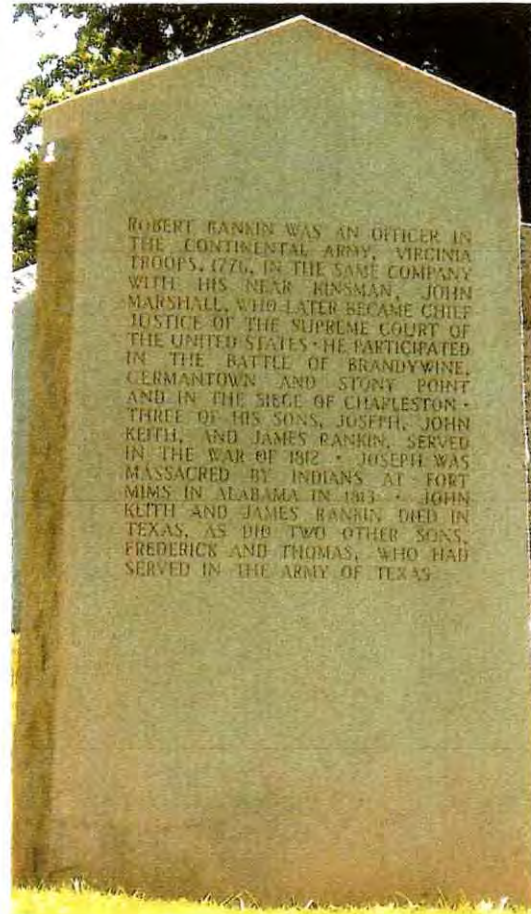
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Robert Rankin - Our Namesake

Lieutenant Robert Rankin served in the Third Regiment of the Virginia line of the Continental Army in 1776. His participation in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Stony Point, and the siege of Charleston earned him the commission of Lieutenant, which he received on his release as a prisoner of war.

He continued to serve until the war's end. After the war, he served in the Virginia legislature as one of nine trustees for the newly established town of Washington, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He also served as an elector to the Kentucky Senate in 1792.

Robert Rankin was a friend and ally of Sam Houston during the war for Texas Independence. He was instrumental in maintaining good relations with the Indians, in the spring of 1836, during the Texan retreat toward San Jacinto.



Robert Rankin was born in Colonial Virginia in 1753. On October 1, 1781, he married Margaret Berry while on military furlough. Four of his sons served in the War of 1812. On November 13, 1834, he received land grants in Joseph Vehlein's Colony in Texas. He was issued the necessary certificate of character on November 3, 1834, by William Grimes.

The town of Coldspring, Texas, was founded on Lieutenant Rankin's original land grant. Robert Rankin died November 13, 1837, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

In 1936, his body was re-interred at the State Cemetery in Austin. Robert Rankin was a soldier, patriot, and good citizen.

Sons of the
American Revolution
Charter New Katy Chapter

Katy, TX - - The Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, met on the evening of April 10, 2002, at the Cinco Ranch Golf Club to establish a new chapter for the Katy area. Attending the ceremonies, in addition to the members of the new chapter, were officers of the Texas state society, a representative of the national society, and officers and members of the other society chapters in the Greater Houston area. The new chapter will be called the Robert Rankin Chapter # 62, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The chapter honors Robert Rankin, a cousin of George Washington, who fought throughout the Revolutionary War. He served as both an officer and enlisted man and participated in all the major battles. He wintered with the army at Valley Forge and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. After the war, he and his family moved to western Virginia, now Kentucky, and helped to establish the town of Washington. He and other veterans established the Cincinnatus Society to provide aid to impoverished Revolutionary War veterans and their families. The Rankins relocated again to Mississippi Territory and finally to Mexican Texas in the early 1820's. While in Mississippi, he and several of his sons served with distinction under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. After arriving in Texas, he received a land grant from the Mexican government and settled in the area that is now Cold Spring, Texas, northeast of Houston. Robert Rankin was highly regarded as a statesman and man of honor by Anglos, Mexicans and Indians. He was a personal friend of Sam Houston. During the Texas Revolution, General Houston asked Robert Rankin to intercede with the Caddo and Cherokee tribes in East Texas to persuade them to remain neutral during Texas's Revolution. Mr. Rankin was able to accomplish this task, which assisted Houston's victory at San Jacinto. Robert Rankin died in 1837, at the age of 83. He was buried in the family cemetery in Cold Spring. In 1936 in connection with ceremonies of the Texas Centennial, he was re-buried in the State Cemetery in Austin with full honors. While there are 48 known Revolutionary War veterans buried in the state, Robert Rankin is the only officer and the only one buried in the State Cemetery.

Attending the meeting on the 10th were two descendants of Robert Rankin, Dan Taylor of Tomball and Sue Zann Myers Boone of Richmond. Mr. Sam Houston, IV, a descendent of General Sam Houston and recent recipient of the Lifetime Service Award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas, was also in attendance. In a presentation given by Mr. Taylor and Ms. Boone about their ancestor, Ms. Boone thanked Mr. Houston for a personal service done by the General on behalf of Robert Rankin's widow in 1837. General Houston insured that Mrs. Rankin received the full share of her late husband's bounty land from the Republic for his services during the revolution. This gesture illustrates these historic personages were real human beings with warmth and concern for their fellow man, not just characters from a history book.

The Honorable James Robertson, State President, Texas Society of the Sons of the Revolution, installed the new officers of the Robert Rankin Chapter and presented the chapter's charter to the new Chapter President, Ed Raines. Other chapter officers are Kameron Searle, Vice President; Hank Maupin, Secretary Treasurer; Richard Shanks, Genealogist; Charles Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms; Gus Mistrot, Chaplain; and Allan Henshaw, Chancellor.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic society open to all descendants of veterans of the American Revolutionary War and to descendants of persons that materially aided the founding of the United States of America. The programs of the society promote patriotism in the community by working with the school systems, scouting associations, and others via oration and paper competitions leading to scholarship awards. They also present awards and certificates of achievement to recognize members of the community, whose efforts promote patriotism and the values of our Founding Fathers. The members of the Robert Rankin Chapter will be concentrating their efforts in the growing Katy and surrounding areas. The chapter meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining or would like to ask any questions about the organization, please call Ed Raines at 281-693-7203. He will be glad to talk to you and give you the address and time for future meetings. We are glad to have them active in our community.

Robert Rankin: A Revolutionary War Officer Who Joined
The Westward Migration to Texas

During his lifetime Robert Rankin saw the birth of two republics, helped found at least two towns and helped write one state's first constitution. He was born in Virginia in 1753 to William Robert Rankin and Mesena (Peggy) Marshall Rankin. Peggy's brother, Thomas was the father of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. At the age of seventeen Robert began to learn surveying from his uncle, Thomas Marshall, and from George Washington on the Fairfax estate. In Aunt May Myers Callaway's papers, she says specifically that family tradition has the young Robert accompanying the older George Washington and Thomas Marshall on surveying trips throughout the northern neck of Virginia. I do not yet know her source. At the age of twenty-three, on July 26, 1776, he enlisted in the Seventh Virginia Infantry as a private. Robert Rankin participated in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Stoney Point, the siege of Charleston and Yorktown. For a time he was in John Marshall's company at Valley Forge.

We know certain things about his military service. Robert Rankin entered the Virginia Seventh as a private on July 26, 1776. He served as a private under the command of Colonel Hugh Stevenson of the Virginia Line during the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and while at Valley Forge he was in John Marshall's company. The Revolutionary War Service Records of the Continental Army list him as being paid \$10.00 per month on February 1779 while serving as a sergeant in Captain Charles Porterfield's Company in the Seventh Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan. These same records further state that he was promoted to Ensign on July 4, 1779. Although the rank of Ensign is no longer used by the U.S. Army, during the Revolutionary War an ensign had the responsibility of carrying the flag. Since the battle of Stoney Point began on July 16, 1779, only twelve days after Robert's promotion, we can make a reasonably safe assumption that Robert Rankin, then a newly promoted Ensign, carried the colors at the Battle of Stoney Point.

In January 1780, during the Siege of Charleston, he became a Lieutenant. While at Charleston, he served under Major General Benjamin Lincoln and was with him on May 12 when Lincoln surrendered his 5,500 men command to the British General Henry Clinton in order to save the city of Charleston from further destruction. On July the first, 1780 the Revolutionary War Service cards show that Robert Rankin was commissioned as a Captain Lieutenant. At that time this rank was given to the First Lieutenant in a battalion having the greatest seniority. It is no longer a recognized rank in the U.S. Army. At the surrender Robert Rankin along with his Uncle Thomas Marshall, became prisoners of war. They remained prisoners until they were exchanged later that year. On his release Rankin was given a two month furlough during which he traveled home to marry his sweetheart, Margaret Berry, of Frederick County, Virginia, on October 1, 1781. Margaret was the daughter of Captain Frances Kendall Berry. In due course, Robert was called back to active service at Yorktown where he was serving once more with Major General Lincoln when General Lincoln, acting as General Washington's deputy, accepted the sword symbolic of surrender from Cornwallis' second in command, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Abercrombie.

At the war's close Robert was one of the Virginia line officers who formed the original membership of the Society of the Cincinnati. This organization was formed to honor George Washington, to provide for the wounded and the widows of the Revolutionary War veterans, and to perpetuate the friendship of officers of the Continental army. Robert Rankin was one of those who signed the parchment roll. Not everyone did.

I found some inconsistencies in the dates in Robert Rankins activities while confirming the research material available to me. For example:

In 1780 Colonel Thomas Marshall was sent to Kentucky by government administrators to look over the land set apart by the government for Virginia Line Officers for their services in the army during the war. Marshall was accompanied by Daniel Boone, Robert Rankin, and a David Rankin. I cannot identify David Rankin, but the name also appears on the monument at the San Jacinto battleground. The date 1780 bothers me. Rankin did make the trip. He was in the Siege of Charleston. He was a Prisoner of War and did marry Margaret Berry on October 1 1781. He was also at Yorktown. All of these are confirmed facts and yet there are several references to the trip. The dates seem to overlap in a way I do not understand. A little more research is needed here.

In 1784, Robert Rankin and his family moved to a part of Kentucky that was then a part of Virginia. When they moved, they did so with a great many Virginia line officers and their families. These families included the Marshalls, Scotts, Keiths, Randolphs, Washingtons, and Ishams, all of which settled on land granted to them for services previously rendered during the war.

Two years later in 1786 Robert Rankin was named by the Virginia Legislature as one of the nine trustees of the town of Washington, Bourbon County, Kentucky. Bourbon County became Mason County. The first county court met in the Rankin home in May 1789. Rankin, Edmond Lyre and Daniel Boone, were some of the trustees elected. Aunt May indicates in her papers that she believes Rankin selected the name for the town. I do not yet know her source.

Three years later Rankin served as a delegate from Mason County to the Danville Convention which drafted Kentucky's first constitution. He also became an elector of the Kentucky Senate in 1792, the first year Kentucky was a state. The Mason County Kentucky Court House Deed Book 1789-1810 records numerous land transactions by Robert Rankin. His uncle, Thomas Marshall, was the county clerk at this time. Additionally, the deed book records other forms of contracts and reveals that Robert Rankin apprenticed himself to Richard Soward for four years as an apprentice hatter while he lived in Mason County.

The last mention of Robert Rankin in Mason County Kentucky is in the 1800 census.

Catherine Sims in her June 6, 1982 article in the Baytown Sun says the Rankins moved to the Mississippi territory in 1804. The New Handbook of Texas, Volume 5, published in 1996 gives a different date saying they moved to Logan County Kentucky in 1802 and to the Tombigbee River in the Mississippi Territory in 1811. Aunt May Callaway says they moved in 1808. Whatever the date, they did move, and they did build their home on land that would eventually become Washington County Alabama.

In the War of 1812 Robert and three of his sons, John Keith, Joseph, and James served with distinction. Joseph, along with 400 other American soldiers, was massacred at Fort Mims by the Creek Indians.

The family suffered a severe financial reversal around 1819-20, probably in conjunction with land speculation and the panic of 1819.

In 1828, now an old man of seventy-five, Robert Rankin finally applied for his Revolutionary War service pension.

In 1832 the family moved to Joseph Vehlein's colony along with the William Butler and Peter Cartwright families. Rankin was issued a certificate of character by Jesse Grimes on November 3, 1834.

This certificate reads:
Municipality of Austin
November 3, 1834

I certify that Robert Rankin, a native of Virginia of the United States of the North, is a man of good moral habits and industrious and a good citizen and friendly to the laws of religion of the country.
Given at the instance of the party interested.
Jesse Grimes, Primary Judge
Municipality of Austin

The original can be found in the Spanish archives in the General Land Office in Austin.

On November 13, 1834, he applied for a land grant to George Antonio Nixon, agent for the colony of Joseph Verlein. This original application, in Spanish, is also in the General Land Office. In it Rankin stated that he arrived in Texas in 1834 with his wife and three orphans. While we do not know whether or not these children were orphaned members of the extended Rankin family. We do know, from May Callaway's letters, that two of these orphans died.

He received title to a league and a labor on October 30, 1835. The town of Cold Springs, in San Jacinto County, is located on the original land grant.

He was a friend of Sam Houston and his influence with the Indians of the region was well known to all. Houston is said to have called upon Rankin in the spring of 1836 to encourage neutrality among the Indian tribes during the crucial retreat of Anglo Texan settlers just prior to the battle of San Jacinto.

Toward the end of 1836 Robert Rankin became ill and moved, along with his wife Peggy, to Saint Landry Parish, Louisiana, where he died at age 84 on November 13, 1837. His body was brought back to the family home near Cold Springs in the new Republic of Texas, and buried in the old Butler Cemetery.

Robert Rankin was clearly a man who kept growing and planning for the future. He was, after all, seventy-five years old when he came to Texas to start a new life and build a new home near some of his sons.

Robert Rankin's story is so typical of the many, many who weren't satisfied to stay in the East but rather recognized the challenge and the attendant opportunities that came with moving West again and again. So long as there remained a new west to settle, they moved on until death overtook them or they had to "settle in".

On February 24, 1936 a State Marker was placed on Robert Rankin's grave in Cold Spring, San Jacinto County. More than 100 descendants were present. On Sunday, June 16, 1939, the only officer of the Continental Army of the American Revolution to be buried in Texas was interred in Austin at the Texas State Cemetery, the official burial ground of the state's illustrious dead.

Colonel Carmichael was responsible for the ceremonial arrangements. The Reverend Charles F. Smith, a pioneer Methodist minister and a cherished family friend from Brandon, Mississippi gave the official prayer, a copy of which is attached. Among the Texas

descendants of Robert Rankin listed in the official news release are Judge B. Hansbro and Judge William McMurray of Cold Spring, Dave and Carl Rankin of Portland, Eldridge Rankin and Mrs. Frank Tuscany of Fort Worth, Mrs. Alexine Pitts of Roscoe, Rev. Charles Martin Myers of Rosenberg, Robert Covey of San Antonio, Wendell Fields, F.E. Stanaker, May Myers Callaway and Lee Rankin of Houston.

Direct descendants acted as pallbearers at the Austin services. They included Wendell Fields, Jr. of Houston, Frank Stanaker of Houston, Mr. Covey of San Antonio, Eldridge Rankin of Fort Worth, Frank Tuscany, Jr. Of Fort Worth, and Ned Williams of Ennis.

This was a man who lived major portions of his life in four communities, each quite distant from all of the others. It is through the impact he had on the quality of life in these four locations that his real character and spirit is revealed. In Virginia, as a proud youth, he was among the first to volunteer to fight for the freedom of the colonies from an oppressive foreign government. In Kentucky, as a newly wed leader of his family, he sensed the need for strong, fair local government and became active in the creation of a new state constitution. In Mississippi, and later Alabama, as he saw his children mature into adulthood and start families of their own, he was ready and, at age near fifty years, promptly departed with his boys to once more defend the country from British imperialism. And finally in his declining years, at an age exceeding eighty, he was sought by a personage of no less stature than Sam Houston for council and advise immediately before moving his small but dedicated Texan Army south for its decisive encounter with Santa Ana at San Jacinto.

Certainly it should be easy for one to recognize why the many, many proud descendants of this single American Revolutionary War veteran look upon his contributions as a an effective model against which they should measure the way they are living their own lives.

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A paper presented to the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on 17 January, 1998 by Sue Zanne Myers Boone, the great, great, great, great granddaughter of Robert Rankin, through his son John Keith.

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IN 1792 ROBERT SERVED AS A DELEGATE FROM MASON COUNTY TO THE DANVILLE CONVENTION, WHICH DRAFTED THE FIRST CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY. HE ALSO BECAME AN ELECTOR OF THE KENTUCKY SENATE OF 1792. THE LAST MENTION OF ROBERT IN MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, IS IN THE 1800 CENSUS.

IN 1802, THE RANKIN FAMILY MOVED TO LOGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, THEN TO MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY ON THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER IN 1811, AN AREA WHICH BECAME WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA. FOUR OF THE RANKIN SONS FOUGHT IN THE WAR OF 1812. THE RANKIN FAMILY SUFFERED A SEVERE FINANCIAL REVERSAL AROUND 1819-20, PROBABLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAND SPECULATION AND THE PANIC OF 1819. IN JULY, 1828, ROBERT FIRST MADE APPLICATION FOR HIS REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE.

IN 1832, THE RANKINS MOVED TO JOSEPH VEHLEIN'S COLONY IN TEXAS, ALONG WITH THE WILLIAM BUTLER AND PETER CARTWRIGHT FAMILIES. ROBERT WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER BY JESSE GRIMES ON NOVEMBER 3, 1834, AS REQUIRED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. ON NOVEMBER 13, 1834 HE APPLIED FOR A LAND GRANT IN VEHLEIN'S COLONY AND RECEIVED A LEAGUE AND A LABOR IN OCTOBER 22, 1835. THE PRESENT TOWN OF COLDSPRINGS, SAN JACINTO, TEXAS IS LOCATED ON RANKIN'S ORIGINAL GRANT. ROBERT HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A JUST AND DIPLOMATIC MAN. HE WAS A FRIEND OF SAM HOUSTON, AND HIS INFLUENCE WITH THE INDIANS IN THE REGION WAS WELL KNOWN. HOUSTON REPUTEDLY CALLED UPON ROBERT IN THE SPRING OF 1836, ASKING HIM TO ENCOURAGE NEUTRALITY AMONG THE INDIANS DURING THE CRUCIAL TEXAS RETREAT TOWARD SAN JACINTO. TWO OF HIS SONS SERVED IN THE TEXAS ARMY, AND DAVID WAS LISTED ON THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE SAN JACINTO MONUMENT AS BEING IN THE BATTLE, AS HE WAS ON DUTY GUARDING THE BASE CAMP.

TOWARD THE END OF 1836, ROBERT BECAME ILL, AND HE AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO SAINT LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHERE HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. HIS BODY WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THEIR HOME NEAR COLDSPRINGS, IN THE NEW REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, AND HE WAS BURIED IN THE OLD BUTLER CEMETERY. IN 1936, HIS BODY WAS REINTERRED AT THE STATE CEMETERY IN AUSTIN AS THE ONLY OFFICER OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WHO IS BURIED IN THE STATE BURIAL GROUND..

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LISTED UNDER VEHLEIN COLONY FOR RECEIVING TITLE 1 LEAGUE OF LAND 4/24/1835 ON HIGH LANDS, W. OF THE TRINITY RIVER, TEXAS

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Notes

ROBERT, AT THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN, BEGAN TO LEARN SURVEYING UNDER HIS NEAR KINSMEN, THOMAS MARSHAL (WHO LATER BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT) AND GEORGE WASHINGTON (PRESIDENT). TRADITION SAYS HE COMPANIED MARSHALL AND WASHINGTON ON SURVEYING TRIPS.

ROBERT ENTERED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN THE SERVICE OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY IN 1753, AS A PRIVATE WITH THE THIRD REGIMENT OF THE VIRGINIA LINE. HE WAS COMMISSIONED AS A OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1776, AND PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLES OF GERMANTOWN, BRANDYWINE, AND STONY POINT, AND IN THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON, WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED ALONG WITH HIS UNCLE THOMAS MARSHALL AND REMAINED A PRISONER OF WAR UNTIL EXCHANGED, AT WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED A PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT OF TROOP DESIGNATED AS 7TH VIRGINIA, 1776. IN STEVENSON'S REGIMENT, CAPTAIN JOHN MARSHALL'S CO.

ON OCTOBER 1, 1781, DURING A FURLOUGH, ROBERT MARRIED MARGARET BERRY IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE SILVER BUCKLES WORN BY MARGARET ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF DESCENDANTS OF JOHN KIETH RANKIN. HE RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY ON OCTOBER 15 AND SERVED UNTIL THE WAR'S END. LISTED AS COLONEL IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR. SERVED DIRECTLY UNDER GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON AS A CAPTAIN AND WAS WITH GENERAL WASHINGTON AT THE SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS AT YORKTOWN.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR, ON OCTOBER 6, 1783, HE WITH A LARGE GROUP OF VIRGINIA LINE OFFICERS MET WITH GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON AND FORMED THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA. THIS SOCIETY WAS FORMED TO PERPETUATE THE FRIENDSHIP OF OFFICERS TO THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AND AID THE WOUNDED AND WIDOWS OF FELLOW OFFICERS. ROBERT GAVE ONE MONTH'S MILITARY SALARY TO BECOME AN ORIGINAL MEMBER SIGNING HIS NAME AS FEW DID. GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS MADE THE FIRST PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY AFTER THIS GATHERING. LISTED IN "ROOSTER OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AND PATRIOTS IN ALABAMA" AS RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON CO., AL: LT 3RD REGULAR VA LINE; ENROLLED ON 9/8/1828 UNDER ACT OF CONGRESS OF 5/15/1828. PAYMENT FROM 3/3/1828

THE RANKIN FAMILY MOVED TO KENTUCKY IN 1784 ON A GOVERNMENT LAND GRANT WHILE IT WAS STILL PART OF VIRGINIA, ALONG WITH MANY RELATIVES. IN 1786, ROBERT WAS NAMED BY THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE AS ONE OF NINE TRUSTEES FOR THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED TOWN OF WASHINGTON, IN BOURBON COUNTY (LATER MASON COUNTY), KENTUCKY.

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Colonel Richard Robert Rankin was born in Virginia in 1753, and served during the American Revolution as an officer in the Continental Army. He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati, organized by General George Washington. Colonel Rankin received a land grant in Kentucky in 1789. He had two brothers, William and Christopher. The following article was printed in 1936, by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On July 26, 1776, when Robert Rankin was 25 years of age, he enlisted in the Continental Army. He served first as a private, then Ensign, later Lieutenant in the Virginia troops, under Captain Thomas Berry. He took part in the battles of Brandywine, Stony-point, Germantown, and the siege of Charleston, where he was taken prisoner. He remained in prison until exchanged, after which he returned home on furlough, then returned to the army and served until the end of the war.

He fell in love with his captain's daughter Margaret (Peggy) Berry, and on October first, 1781, Lieutenant Rankin and Captain Thomas Berry, with their troops on the move, rode by the Berry home in Virginia and he and Margaret were married. (Silver shoe buckles which were worn by Robert Rankin at his wedding to Miss. Berry, are now in the possession of Claire Covey Carver, Mrs. Arthur R. Carver, Palestine, Texas). After the wedding Lieutenant Rankin and Captain Thomas Berry rejoined their troops and were with General George Washington at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered.

The following is the will of Captain Thomas Berry, dated 20th. February, 1805:

In the name of God amen. I, Thomas Berry of the County of Fredrick and state of Virginia, being far advanced in life and infirm in body, but of sound mind and memory calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty when it may happen do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

1st. I commend my soul to the Almighty and beneficent God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein after named.

2nd, I give and bequeath to my beloved and affectionate wife Frances Kendell during her natural life or widowhood all my estate both real and personal, which I die, possessed or be entitled to within the State of Virginia.

After paying my just debts, which I may owe at my death and the legacies herein after mentioned.

3rd. Whereas I have heretofore given to my daughter Peggy Rankin, wife of Col. Robert Rankin, one Negro boy and one Negro girl which gift I hereby confirm, the Negro boy named Wilford and the Negro girl named Milley, now in her possession.

4th., Whereas I have heretofore given to my daughter Betsy Calmes, one Negro boy named Moses, now in her possession, which gift I hereby confirm to her and further I give and bequeath to her and her heirs one Negro girl named Mariah.

5th., Whereas, I have heretofore given to my son Joseph Berry and opportunity of procuring to himself advantages in Kentucky at a considerable expense to myself, which could not at the time be offered to my other children, I therefore deem it fully sufficient or as much as I ought, in justice to my other children, to give him, but in consideration of the affection I have for his children I do hereby bequeath to his said children one moretly? of a tract of land on the north fork of Licking Mason County Kentucky which was purchased by my friend Edward Doblyne for me from Col. John Grant, it being part of Bartletts preemption. I also give and bequeath to my said son Joseph's children two negros to wit: one Negro man named Moses and one Negro man named Wilmore, to be held in trust for their use and benefit by his sons Joseph and Samuel Berry, reserving the use of the said negros for the support of the said Joseph Berry's wife during her life or widowhood should she live longer than her husband and remain a widow but should she marry again the reservation for her support in this bequest to cease and on her death or marriage it is my will that the Negroes hereby devised shall be equally divided among the children of my said son Joseph, legally begotten.

6th., Whereas my son in law John Kercheval, husband to my daughter Jane hath been unfortunate in trade by which he had become much embarrassed, I therefore give and bequeath to the children of my said daughter Jane Kercheval one Negro girl named Patience and her increase to be equally divided among them to be held in trust by my grandsons Thomas B. Kercheval and Lewis C. Kercheval for the use and benefit of their mother during her life, on whose death the division aforesaid shall be made among the children.

7th, Whereas my son William Berry from accidents and bodily afflictions is rendered unable to procure a comfortable living by his own

industry and exertions and having it in my power to make such provision for him as will with prudence and care and the blessing of God enable him to live independent and clear of wont, I do therefore hereby bequeath to him the other morety of land: on the north fork of Licking in Mason County, Kentucky purchased for me by my friend Edward Dobyns from Col. John Grant: I do further give and bequeath to him one Negro man named Ambrose now in his possession also one Negro girl named Mary and her increase also. 8th, Whereas I gave to my daughter Sally Kerman, wife of William Kerman a tract of land in Kentucky Lying on the brushy fork of ----- which hath been conveyed to her husband by a special power from me for that purpose, which gift and conveyance I hereby confirm to her and her heirs forever and whereas I put into the possession of my said daughter Sally, wife of William Kerman, a Negro girl named Lucy which Negro girl it is my will and desire shall be free at the age of twenty five years, but I reserve to myself the exclusive right to all the children she may have previous to her arising to the age of twenty five years, all of which is to be considered as a part of my undivided estate until the death of my wife who is to have the direction of them during her life or widowhood except the first she has which I hereby give and bequeath to my granddaughter Fanny Kerman. I further give to my said daughter Sally one Negro boy named Nelson and one Negro girl named Delphia which she now has in possession.

9th, Whereas I have heretofore given to my son Samuel Berry a Negro boy named Hampton which gift I hereby confirm to him, I further give and bequeath to him eighty pounds to be paid to him or his heirs by my executors of the first money which they may be able to raise out of my Estate after paying my just debts.

10th, I give to my daughter Caty Berry one Negro boy named Juboy, also one Negro girl named Clarly and her increase, also a good feather bed and furniture and a riding horse.

11th, I give and bequeath to my daughters Peggy Rankin, Betsy Caines (could be Calmes), June Kercheval, Catly Berry and my son Samuel Berry the residue of my tract of land on the brushy fork of Henchston in Kentucky patented in my name to be equally divided among them according to quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever. It is further my will and desire that all the rest of my lands in Kentucky which I may die seized or possessed of not herein devised shall be equally divided in the following manner, to-wit:, one eighth part to my daughter Peggy Rankin and her heirs, one eighth part to my daughter Betsy Calmes and her heirs, one eighth part to the children of my daughter Jame Kercheval with the reservation of the

use of said lands to my said daughter Jane Kercheval during her life, one eighth part to my son William Berry and his heirs, one eighth part to my daughter Sally Kerman and her heirs, one eighth part to my daughter Caty which several parts I hereby give to my said children and grand children herein mentioned to them and their heirs forever my further will and desire is that the balance of my estate herein left to my wife during her life or widowhood, shall at her death or marriage be divided as follows, one eighth part to my daughter Betsy Calmes and her heirs, one eighth part to the children of my son Joseph Berry and their heirs, one eighth part to my daughter Jane Kercheval's children and their heirs, reserving the use thereof of such part to her use during her life, one eighth part to my son Samuel Berry and his heirs, except the Negroes and in lieu of which I hereby direct my executors to pay him the value of his proportion of the Negroes to be estimated by persons mutually chosen by my son and my executors which money shall be raised by a sale of any part of my estate that my executors may deem most advisable,

12th, and whereas, I some time since gave to my grand daughter Matilda Kercheval, daughter of Jane Kercheval, a Negro girl named Charity and her increase which gift I hereby confirm to my said grand daughter and her heirs, it is my further will and desire that should any dispute arise between any of the devisees in this my last will and testament and my executors or between the devisees in this my last will and testament and my executors or between the devisees themselves that the dispute shall be settled, reference to impartial and disinterested persons should anyone of the devisees herein refuse to submit such dispute to reference of the offer of the other and resort to law to obtain what him or her might deem right all the right of him or her shall immediately cease to any part of my estate and such forfeited part shall be equally divided among the remaining devisees.

And lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Frances Berry my executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made no security required of any of the above named administrators. In Testimony, whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

Thomas Berry

- Later Robert Rankin became one of the original members of the Society of Cincinnati. This Society was organized by General George

Washington to perpetuate friendship between brother officers of the Continental Army, and to assist widows and orphans of the war. Robert Rankin gave a month's military salary as his fee for joining the Society of Cincinnati.

With his young wife, Lieutenant Rankin (later in life he was always referred to as Colonel Rankin) joined with other Virginia Line Officers and their families and journeyed to Kentucky to take up their large land grants, which were provided by the United States Government to Virginia officers.

In Mason County, Kentucky, Robert Rankin built a home, and it was in his home, on May 26, 1789, that the first County Court was held. History tells that Daniel Boone was present at this first Court. The Marshalls were close relatives of Robert Rankin--Robert's mother being a Marshall. Robert Rankin was a member of the Convention that formed the first Constitution of Kentucky.

In 1804, Robert Rankin's very real spirit of adventure came to the fore. He took his family, and with a large group of neighbors and friends, pioneered to Mississippi Territory to that part which later became Washington County, Alabama. Robert's brother, Christopher, later became one of Mississippi's outstanding statesmen.

Three of Robert Rankin's sons, Joseph, James and John Keith, served in the War of 1812. Joseph was among the more than 400 who were massacred by Creek Indians at Fort Mimms in 1813.

On September 8th, 1828, Robert Rankin received his first pension from the Revolution as an officer, a sum of \$2,880, followed by an annual payment of \$320 for the rest of his life.

The new country of Texas was calling for colonists, offering many inducements. In 1819, Robert Rankin's son, **Frederick Harrison Rankin**, went to Texas. He returned home and married, and went back to Texas in 1822, to receive one of the first grants in Harris County. This is the Frederick Rankin survey, east of the city of Humble. The present Rankin road was named after him. Frederick Rankin was one of Stephen F. Austin's Three Hundred. Other Rankin boys pioneered to Texas, and began writing back

home to their father, urging him to come out to Texas. At that time, Robert Rankin was 80 years of age, but his love of adventure was still alive, so he answered the call.

Colonel Robert Rankin came to Texas in 1833, and immediately applied to the Mexican Government for land. His original application in Spanish is on file in Austin. He received title to his land on October 30 1835, consisting of a league of land in the Vehlen Colony, which was known as Liberty Municipality, then as Polk County, and is now San Jacinto County. The town of Cold Spring is located on the Robert Rankin Survey, and much of this land is still owned by descendants of Robert Rankin and his wife, Margaret (Berry) Rankin. His son James Rankin married Mary Jones, niece of Oliver Jones, who was the designer of our Lone Star flag of Texas. He received a land grant north of, and adjoining the grant his father had received.

Rumblings of revolution were soon heard in Texas. The colonel was too old to take an active part in the Texas Army, but he was sympathetic in every way. His home was only a short distance from "Council Hill," where Sam Houston met with men of mature minds and broad experience, and at these gatherings Colonel Rankin's experience as an officer under Washington was felt in words of advice. He and Sam Houston were neighbors and friends.

Colonel Rankin died in 1837, living long enough to help establish the Republic of Texas. He was buried in Coldspring Texas. He was the only officer of the Continental Army to die and be buried in Texas. His grave at Cold Spring was so marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In June of 1936, at the instigation of the Texas Centennial Committee, Colonel Rankin's body was removed from Cold Spring burial ground and reentered in Austin in the State Cemetery, the "Arlington" of Texas. His grave is near the grave of Stephen F. Austin.

Need copy of Col. Robert Rankin's will;

The following is a copy of the will of Margret (Peggy) Berry Rankin.

In the name of God Amen:

CONSTITUTION

Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62

Texas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

CAPTION

CONSTITUTION of Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in order to provide for the governance of our Chapter and thereby promote fraternal and social intercourse among ourselves, hereby adopt this Constitution for our Chapter.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Chapter was chosen by action of the membership at a meeting on the 20th day of March, A. D., 2002, Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and shall henceforth be so known.

ARTICLE II - SITUS

The situs of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, shall include Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas. The business address shall be that of the Chapter's Post Office Box, in Katy, Texas, unless changed by the Board of Directors or by the Chapter at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, shall be to promote and accomplish the objectives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., and no action or effort not embraced in these objectives shall be espoused by said Chapter. All activities of the Chapter shall be confined to the objectives for which the National Society and the Texas Society, as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of each, were formed; and no member of this Chapter shall be committed to or be bound by any action outside of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any man who is a member in good standing of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter. In addition to the dues required to be paid to the Texas Society and the National Society, each member of this Chapter shall pay to its Treasurer, as annual Chapter dues, such sum as may be fixed by the Chapter's Board of Directors, and each member shall be required to pay an assessment to defray the expense of any meeting that he may attend, if called upon to do so. Any member who becomes delinquent in payment of dues to the Texas Society and National Society, or to this Chapter, shall thereby become suspended and shall not take part in the meetings of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

This Chapter shall hold at least two regular meetings in each twelve (12) month period, at times to be fixed by its By-Laws, the last of which meetings, at which officers shall be elected for the ensuing year, shall be held no less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the Texas Society. Special meetings of the Chapter may be held at the call of the President or the Board of Directors; or the Secretary of the Chapter shall call a special meeting at the request of five (5) or more members. All meetings of the Chapter shall be held in the Kingwood/Humble area, and arrangements shall be made by those at whose instance the meeting is called for the accommodations of same. No member of the Chapter who is in good standing shall be denied admittance to a meeting

ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, a quorum for the transaction of any business at a regular or special meeting of the membership of this Chapter, including the taking of any action affecting the standing of a member or officer, or disposing of the property of the Chapter, shall require the presence of at least 6 members in good standing or 30 percent of all members in good standing, whichever is less.

ARTICLE VII - RULES

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be used at all meetings as a parliamentary guide, except as may be otherwise provided in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, as provided for in the By-Laws of the Chapter, a Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor or Parliamentarian, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The duties of officers of the Chapter shall be such as is usually incumbent upon such officers, but the Chapter may, in its By-Laws, increase or change their duties. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, and Chancellor, or any two of these, may be held by the same person. The Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, and Chancellor may, with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint an assistant, who must be a member of the Chapter and who may, with the consent of the presiding officer, in the absence of the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, or Chancellor (respectively), act for that Officer at meetings of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to the officers provided for in Article VIII of this Constitution, all past Presidents of this Chapter as well as Assistant officers, in good standing in the National Society, Texas Society, and this Chapter, shall compose the Chapter's Board of Directors, of which the President of the Chapter (or the President Elect, in order of seniority, if the President is absent or unable to serve) shall be the presiding officer, provided that if a past President is also a current officer, he shall have only one vote. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the business and activities of the Chapter, subject only to the action of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided not less than 6 members, or 30 percent of the entire membership, whichever is less, are present and provided further, that all members have been notified of the election date and place not less than ten days before. Officers to be elected shall be members in good standing of the National Society and Texas Society and of this Chapter, and when they, for any reason, cease to be members in good standing of these, or any of them, their offices shall thereby become vacant. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors until the next election and the successors of those appointed have been inducted into office.

ARTICLE XI - OBLIGATIONS

This Chapter shall create no indebtedness for its members to pay.

ARTICLE XII - RELIEF

The Board of Directors, or the Chapter, at a regular meeting, may for a specified time or indefinitely, for such reasons of financial necessity as may be deemed proper, or for other just cause, waive payment of annual dues to the Chapter by a member.

ARTICLE XIII - DISCIPLINE

Authority is hereby given the Board of Directors of the Chapter, in the exercise of its discretion, to discipline, suspend, or expel any member, or remove any officer, who by conduct disloyal to the ideals and/or prejudicial to the interests of this Chapter, or the Texas Society, or the National Society, shall render himself unworthy of membership therein or unfit to hold office. It is provided, however, that the disciplinary authority hereby given may not be exercised except on the conditions that the accused shall have had due notice and an opportunity to be heard; that no less than five members of the Board, concurring, can discipline, suspend, or expel a member; that the accuser or accusers must present to the Secretary a written charge at least ten days prior to the meeting which shall hear the charge or charges, and the accused must be sent a copy of the charges at least seven days prior to the Board meeting. Further, any member disciplined or officer removed by the Board may appeal from such action to the next regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV - TERMS

No person can hold office provided for in Article VIII of this Constitution for three (3) consecutive terms, but such person may be elected to a different office at the will of the membership; provided, however, that the persons holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms may be re-elected term after term at the will of the membership.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

Amendments or additions to, or proposals for repeal of, any or all provisions of the Constitution and/or By-Laws unless such amendments or additions or proposals for repeal shall have been proposed at a previous regular meeting, notice that same will be presented for action shall be given to all members in good standing, by mail, by the Secretary, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which same are to be presented. The consent of a majority of the members of the Chapter, in good standing, shall be necessary to amend or repeal, or to make additions to, any or all provisions of the Constitution of this Chapter, but any or all provisions of its By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or added to by an affirmative vote of at least 25 percent of the membership in good standing. Each member, in advance of the regular meeting at which same are to be presented for action, may vote on amendments or additions to or proposals to repeal any or all provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Chapter by written ballot, signed by him, by delivering his ballot to the Secretary of the Chapter.

Original Constitution adopted by members of the Chapter at an organizing meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Edwin L. Raines, President Elect

BY-LAWS

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SECTION 4. The ceremony for each regular meeting, and for special meetings as far as practicable, shall be as follows:

(a) Prior to convening, the meeting room shall be clear, but the needed chairs, tables, and other furniture and fixtures shall be in place. (b) Before taking their seats all members shall repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the S.A.R. Following this shall be the invocation by the Chaplain. Next, if desirable, the members, still standing, will sing the National Anthem (or the first verse of it). Then the President, using his gavel, will call the meeting to order and all members will be seated. The flag will remain standing in a holder during the meeting.

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(b) At other regular meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

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Adjournment

SECTION 6. All business of the Chapter shall be conducted at regular meetings, or at special meetings called for the specified purpose.

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SECTION 2. **Voting:** If there be more than one candidate for an office, the voting at the election meeting shall be by secret ballot. If there be more than two candidates for an office, and no one candidate has received a majority of the votes cast, all candidates but the two receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be dropped, and the vote then taken on those two candidates. If there be only one candidate for an office, the President may call for a vote thereon in any way recognized by Parliamentary law.

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SECTION 4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Chapter deposited in a good and solvent bank in an account or accounts, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Chapter, and such funds may be withdrawn only on checks signed by him or the Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or another Officer, as approved by the Board of Directors. At the last regular meeting of each year he shall make an annual report, in writing, to the Chapter showing all money and property of the Chapter in his possession, all that has been received by him during the year, and fully the manner of its disposition. He shall make such special reports during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of Directors. He shall collect from the Secretary all funds due the Chapter and make deposit thereof.

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SECTION 6. **Genealogist:** The Genealogist shall render such assistance to the Secretary and members of the Chapter as may be needed in compiling the genealogy for all applicants for membership, and give such advice and assistance in completing applications for membership as may be needed.

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SECTION 9. **Chaplain:** The Chaplain shall open and close all meetings with prayer, and officiate in such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may direct.

SECTION 10. **Sergeant-at-Arms:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead the members of the Chapter into the meeting hall, bearing the flag, at the opening of meetings. Between meetings the flag shall remain in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will deliver it for use at meetings of the Chapter. During meetings he shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President.

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The President shall appoint the following standing committees, of not less than three (3) members each, whose duties shall be such as may be defined by the Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Chapter at a regular or special meeting:

- Membership Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Genealogy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Program Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Visitation Committee

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SECTION 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Chapter deposited in a good and solvent bank in an account or accounts, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Chapter, and such funds may be withdrawn only on checks signed by him or the Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or another Officer, as approved by the Board of Directors. At the last regular meeting of each year he shall make an annual report, in writing, to the Chapter showing all money and property of the Chapter in his possession, all that has been received by him during the year, and fully the manner of its disposition. He shall make such special reports during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of Directors. He shall collect from the Secretary all funds due the Chapter and make deposit thereof.

SECTION 5. Registrar: The Registrar shall keep a list of all members of the Chapter and their addresses, with the dates of admission to membership, dates of resignation, death, or other termination of membership. He shall make a report to the Chapter in writing, at the February regular meeting for the entire preceding calendar year, and at such times during the year as may be called for by the Chapter or its Board of Directors, and deliver to his successor in office all the lists of members, books, papers, correspondence, and other property pertaining to his office.

SECTION 6. Genealogist: The Genealogist shall render such assistance to the Secretary and members of the Chapter as may be needed in compiling the genealogy for all applicants for membership, and give such advice and assistance in completing applications for membership as may be needed.

SECTION 7. Chancellor: The Chancellor shall be an attorney-at-law if one be included in the membership of the Chapter and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Chancellor may also act as Parliamentarian at any of the meetings of the Chapter.

SECTION 8. Historian: The Historian shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the collection and preservation of historical and genealogical material, collect and record information in reference to historical sites and related matters, and keep a scrapbook or record of the events pertaining to the Chapter's history.

SECTION 9. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall open and close all meetings with prayer, and officiate in such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may direct.

SECTION 10. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead the members of the Chapter into the meeting hall, bearing the flag, at the opening of meetings. Between meetings the flag shall remain in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will deliver it for use at meetings of the Chapter. During meetings he shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following standing committees, of not less than three (3) members each, whose duties shall be such as may be defined by the Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Chapter at a regular or special meeting:

- Membership Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Genealogy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Program Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Visitation Committee

Also, the President may appoint such special committees as may be necessary from time to time.

Original By-Laws adopted by members of the Chapter at an organizing meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Edwin L. Raines, President Elect

Stephen Tanner

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:11 PM
Subject: Form 990-N E-filing Receipt - IRS Status: Accepted

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3/9/2010

Stephen Tanner

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NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

3/3/2010



COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, 78774
October 5, 1978

Elmer Ware Stahl
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Stahl:

This acknowledges receipt of your application for an exemption from the Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax as an organization exempted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Upon examining the information provided, this office has determined that the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution meets the requirements for exemption as a 501(c)(3) organization. Therefore, the organization may issue an exemption certificate in lieu of the Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax on taxable items which they will actually use within the organization. The enclosed Ruling No. .007 sets forth an acceptable form of an exemption certificate which you may issue to your suppliers in lieu of the tax. To be valid, this certificate must state that the merchandise being purchased is for the organization's own use, is being made in the name of the organization and that payment will be made from the organization's own funds. This certificate does not require a number to be valid.

The exemptions authorized by this decision are applicable to items subject to the Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act only. It does not extend to Motor Vehicles, Motor Fuel or other items which are taxed under other provisions of the statutes.

In the event we are notified by the Internal Revenue Service, as required by Section 6104(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, the organization no longer qualifies under 501(c)(3), your exemption from the sales tax shall be withdrawn. All purchases by the organization will then be subject to the sales tax. You may reapply for an exemption under the provisions of Ruling .042 if the organization is otherwise qualified.

If your organization makes any sales of taxable items, you must obtain a sales tax permit, collect the tax on all taxable sales, file reports and remit the tax each quarter. The Comptroller's Field Office in your area is located at 4242 Piedras East, Suite 120, San Antonio, Texas, telephone number 732-6211.

Elmer Ware Stahl
October 5, 1978
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Any correspondence in this matter should be directed to the Sales Tax Division, or you may telephone our toll-free number, 1/800/252-5555, from anywhere in Texas.

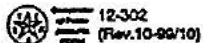
Very truly yours,



Harry F. Rogers
Sales Tax Division

JJD:2A/f-01:cas/C28

Enclosure



12-302
(Rev. 10-09/10)

TEXAS HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

NOTE: This certificate is for business only, not to be used for private purposes, under penalty of law. The hotel operator may request a government ID, business card or other identification to verify exemption claimed. Certificate should be furnished to the hotel or motel. DO NOT send the completed certificate to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The certificate does not require a number to be valid. Refer to hotel rule 3.161 for exemptions.

Check exemption claimed:

- ☐ United States government or Texas government official (state, city, and county tax exemption). Includes US government agencies, State of Texas officials who present a Hotel Tax Exemption Photo Identification Card, and diplomatic personnel of a foreign government who present a Tax Exemption Card issued by the United States Department of State. United States government employee (state tax exemption). Includes US government employees traveling on official business representing the federal government. Hotels should check with the local taxing authorities to determine if federal employees are exempt from city or county taxes.
- ☒ Religious, charitable, or educational organization or employee (state tax exemption only). Educational organizations include independent school districts, private or public elementary and secondary schools of this state and other states, and Texas institutions of higher education as defined in Section 61.003, Texas Education Code. Non-Texas institutions of higher education (state and private universities, junior colleges, community colleges) must pay the state hotel occupancy tax. Religious and charitable organizations must hold a letter of exemption issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to claim an exemption.

Name of exempt organization TEXAS SOCIETY SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION	Organization exempt status (Religious, charitable, educational, governmental) Section 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code
Address of exempt organization (Street and number, city, state, ZIP code) [REDACTED]	

GUEST CERTIFICATION: I declare that I am an occupant of this hotel/motel on official business sanctioned by the exempt organization named above and that all information shown on this document is true and correct.

sign here	Guest name (Please print) <i>Clifford V. Shagle</i>	Date

FOR HOTEL/MOTEL USE ONLY (OPTIONAL)

Name of hotel/motel				
Address of hotel/motel (Street and number, city, state, ZIP code)				
Room rate	Local tax	Exempt state tax	Amount paid by guest	Method of payment

TEXAS SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Name of purchaser, firm or agency

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Address (Street & number, P.O. Box or Route number)

Phone (Area code and number)

City, State, ZIP code

I, the purchaser named above, claim an exemption from payment of sales and use taxes for the purchase of taxable items described below or on the attached order or invoice form:

Seller: _____

Street address: _____ City, State, ZIP code: _____

Description of items to be purchased or on the attached order or invoice:

Purchaser claims this exemption for the following reason:

Section 501(e)(3) Internal Revenue Code

I understand that I will be liable for payment of sales or use taxes which may become due for failure to comply with the provisions of the Tax Code: Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, Municipal Sales and Use Tax Act, Sales and Use Taxes for Special Purpose Taxing Authorities, County Sales and Use Tax Act, County Health Services Sales and Use Tax and the Texas Health and Safety Code: Special Provisions Relating to Hospital Districts, Emergency Services Districts, and Emergency Services Districts in counties with a population of 125,000 or less.

I understand that it is a misdemeanor to give an exemption certificate to the seller for taxable items which I know, at the time of purchase, will be used in a manner other than that expressed in this certificate and that upon conviction may be fined not more than \$500 per offense.

sign
here

Purchaser

Clifford V. Slagle

Title

Treasurer

Date

Note: This certificate cannot be issued for the purchase, lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT REQUIRE A NUMBER TO BE VALID

Sales and Use Tax "Exemption Numbers" or "Tax Exempt" Numbers do not exist.

This certificate should be furnished to the supplier. Do not send the completed certificate to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876

ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

October 7, 2002

Mr. Ed Raines
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Raines:

Enclosed is a copy of the IRS determination letter recognizing the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and its subordinates as an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This letter certifies that the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution (EIN 43-1974294), is a subordinate in good standing of the National Society, and thereby is entitled to the same rights and privileges as the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Craig Johnson
Staff Accountant

enclosure

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

DEC 03 2001

Date: November 29, 2001

National Society of the Sons of the
American Revolution
1000 S 4TH St
Louisville, KY 40203-3208

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated November 14, requesting affirmation of your organization's exempt status.

In August 1944 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on the information supplied, we recognized the subordinates named on the list your organization submitted as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Additionally, we have classified the subordinates your organization operates, supervises, or controls, and which are covered by written notification to us, as organizations that are not private foundations because they are organizations of the type described in section 509(a)(2).

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization's subordinates as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the subordinates or for their use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Your organization and its subordinates are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if the gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

Your organization and its subordinates are not required to file federal income tax returns unless subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If subject to this tax, the organization must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization or its subordinates' present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
53-0116355

- f. The information required by Revenue Procedure 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587 for each subordinate that is a school claiming exemption under section 501(c)(3). Also include any other information necessary to establish that the school is complying with the requirements of Revenue Ruling 71-447, 1971-2 C.B. 230. This is the same information required by Schedule A, Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. If applicable, a statement that your organization's group exemption roster did not change since the previous report.

The above information should be sent to the following address:

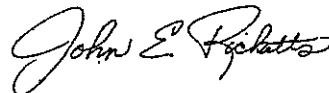
Internal Revenue Service Center
Attn: Entity Control Unit
Ogden, UT 84409

The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. If your organization had a copy of its application for recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, it is also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Your organization's Group Exemption Number is 0690.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876

ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

August 18, 2004

William H Maupin
[REDACTED]

Dear Compatriot:

Under Internal Revenue Service regulations, each State Society and Chapter is required to have its own tax identification number. The IRS has provided the National Society a list of all its subordinates and some brief information about each one. That information, as it relates to your State Society or Chapter, is listed below.

Please verify the information below, making any corrections you believe are necessary. If no tax identification number is listed and your chapter is still active, the IRS has not registered your chapter as a subordinate of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. If that is the case, you need to complete IRS Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number. This form can be obtained from the NSSAR office at the address below.

Society/Chapter Name: Robert Rankin

Tax ID: 43-1974294

Active or Inactive?: Active

990 Filing Status: 2 (A "1" indicates that your annual gross receipts are over \$25,000 and you must file your own IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax). A "2" indicates your gross receipts are \$25,000 or less and you are not required to file.

After verifying the IRS information, you need to check off the appropriate response to the tax return filing question below, sign and date this letter, and mail it back to the National Society at the address indicated below by September 15, 2004. Thank you!

Sincerely,

James Randall
Executive Director

In anticipation of filing our 2004 IRS Form 990,

- ☒ our gross receipts will be less than \$25,000 and no Form 990 is required.
☐ our gross receipts exceed \$25,000 and we must file our own IRS Form 990.

On behalf of the above State Society/Chapter of the NSSAR, I declare that this authorization is true and correct, and is made in good faith to comply with IRS regulations.

[REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19255

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 09-26-2002
NUMBER OF THIS NOTICE: CP 575 E
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 43-1974294
FORM: SS-4
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ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER NO 62 TXSSAR
[REDACTED]

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL US AT:
1-800-829-1040

OR WRITE TO THE ADDRESS
SHOWN AT THE TOP LEFT.

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)

Thank you for your Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 43-1974294. This EIN will identify your business account, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Use your complete name and EIN shown above on all federal tax forms, payments and related correspondence. If you use any variation in your name or EIN, it may cause a delay in processing and incorrect information in your account. It also could cause you to be assigned more than one EIN.

If you want to apply to receive a ruling or a determination letter recognizing your organization as tax exempt, and have not already done so, you should file Form 1023/1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, with the IRS Ohio Key District Office. Publication 557, Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization, is available at most IRS offices and has details on how you can apply.

Keep this part for your records.

CP 575 E (Rev. 1-2001)

Return this part with any correspondence
so we may identify your account. Please
correct any errors in your name or address.

CP 575 E

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Your Telephone Number Best Time to Call
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DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 09-26-2002
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 43-1974294
FORM: SS-4

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19255

ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER NO 62 TXSSAR
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The Robert Rankin Chapter Annual Reports



This Section includes the Annual Report submitted to National and the Texas Societies. This report summarizes the activities of the Chapter by category and assigns point values.



National Awards

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution®



Robert Rankin Chapter
Texas SAR

is hereby recognized for supporting

Partners in Patriotism
and

Wreaths Across America

as part of their patriotic outreach in 2019-2020.



John T. Manning
President General

Tony L. Vets
Committee Chairman

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution®



Robert Rankin Chapter # 62

of District # 8
is awarded the

Marshall Hunter Attendance Award

Group # 1 (1 - 99 Members)

For Chapters with the highest % of its membership attending
regular Chapter meetings during Texas SAR year 2019.



This 28th day of March 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J. Sample".

President

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President General's Activities Award

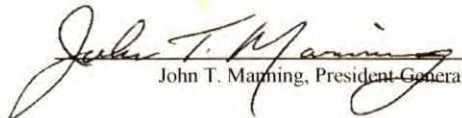
to the Chapter, based upon size, which shows evidence of the most complete
practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions

2019 – 2020



130th Congress
July 13, 2020

Date


John T. Manning, President General

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution®



Robert Rankin Chapter
Texas SAR

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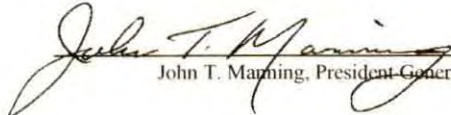
USSS Stark Memorial Award

to the Chapter, based upon size with the best record
of service to veterans during the year
2019 – 2020



130th Congress
July 13, 2020

Date


John T. Manning, President General

The National Society
of the
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Texas SAR Southern Color Guard
Certificate of Appreciation

South Central District Meeting – Sept. 19th, 2020

Whereas the members of the Texas SAR Southern Color Guard under the command of Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy, assembled in the Living Room of Texas SAR State Secretary James R. Clements, Jr to Post the Colors, and

Whereas, the Members of the Southern Color Guard Commanded by Blair Rudy Color Guard Commander Tom Jackson, participated in the South Central District Meeting.



Therefore; I, Drake M. Peddie, President of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution hereby authorize the presentation of this Certificate of Appreciation.

President TX SAR:
Drake M. Peddie

State Secretary TX SAR
James R. Clements Jr.

Robert Rankin Leadership

The Declaration of Independence



*It took leaders to conceive and write the
Declaration of Independence.*

*It took leaders to win the
American Revolution.*

*It takes leaders today to
Keep the American Revolution Alive.*

Committee Chairman 2020

Chapter

Awards/Recognition	Tom Jackson
DAR Liaison	Bobby Smith
Flag Program	Tom Jackson
Nominations	
Prospective Members	Tom Jackson
Publicity	Tom Jackson
Hospitality	
Webmaster	Ray Cox

Youth Programs

CAR Liaison	Bobby Smith
Eagle Scout	Allen Greene
JROTC	Allan Perkins
Knight Essay	Tom Jackson
Brochure Contest	
Poster Contest	

Adult Programs

History Teacher	Tom Jackson
Public Service	Tom Jackson
Veterans	Allan Perkins

Color Guard

Commander	Allen Greene
Flag Certificates	Allen Greene

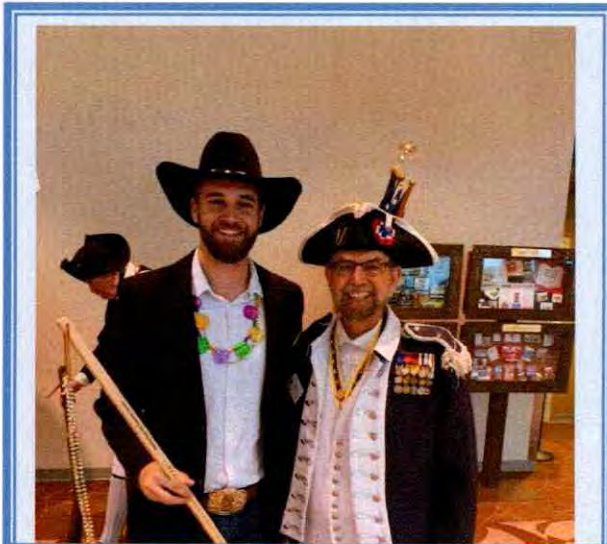
Color Guard





Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the DAR

*Houston Rodeo
March 1, 2020
Houston, TX*



March 1, Sunday. The Texas Sons of the American Revolution are invited to present colors at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo wine auction dinner. This year the dinner raised almost a half million dollars just for the grand champion wine and the reserve grand champion wine. This money goes for scholarships



Robert Rankin Chapter Youth Programs



Eagle Scout Contest



Oration Contest



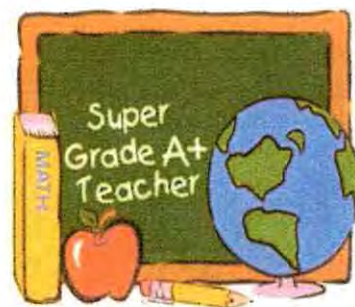
Knight Essay Contest



JROTC Contest

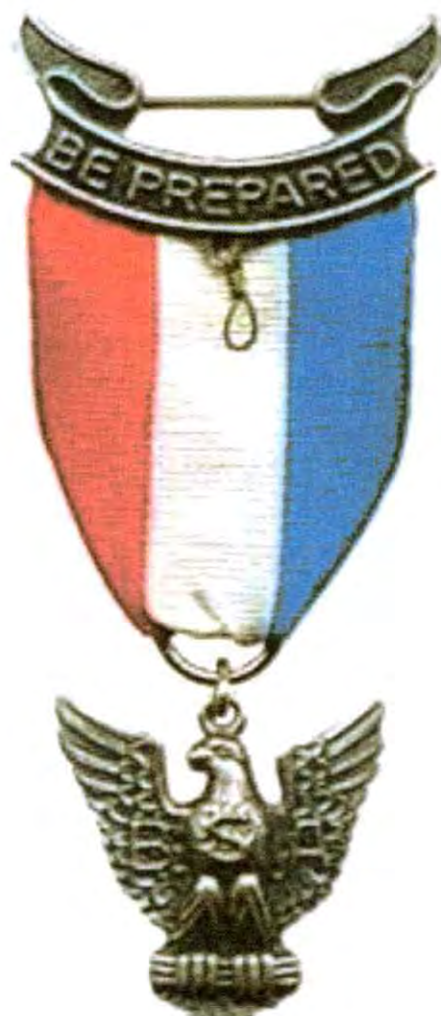


Poster Contest



History Teacher Contest

Robert Rankin Chapter
Eagle Scout



Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest



The application year is the calendar year, 01 January to 31 December. The Contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and, except as provide in the next paragraph, have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted.

Temporary Transition Rules Extension – Any youth who registered as a member of Scouts BSA between February 1, 2019, and December 1, 2019 and was granted an extension by the National Council BSA to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements after they have turned 18 years of age, will have twelve (12) months from the date their Eagle Scout application was validated by the National Advancement Program Team to enter the contest. A copy of the approved extension must be attached to the contest application.

College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the award. Three awards are given: National First Place Winner - \$10,000; Runner-up - \$6,000; 2nd Runner-up - \$4,000. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirement but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. Prizes and recognitions may also be awarded at the Chapter and State level.

Entrants need complete only one application - the one for the Chapter competition. The application of the Chapter winner is forwarded to be used in the State and National competitions as appropriate.

The application consists of three parts:

- 1) Eagle Scout Contest Application Form
- 2) Four Generation Ancestor Chart
- 3) 500-word Patriotic Themed Essay

The competition is conducted in three phases, local (Chapter), State (Society), and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level. In some cases, the competition may be entered at the State level. You may not enter at the National level.

Contest Application Form Instructions:

Form must be filled out on computer. You may save this form to your computer.

Sections I and II are completed by filling in the blanks.

Sections III through VIII may be completed by using as many lines as needed. Or, you may use additional pages as required to reply. Please put Applicant's name at top of each of those pages. Please indicate by Roman numeral and category what is referred to in your addendum.

Contest Application including Application Form, Four Generation Ancestor Chart, and Essay limited to eleven (11) pages total.

Print this document, obtain required signatures, and submit along with the Four Generation Ancestor Chart and Essay to your local SAR Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman or, if no local Chapter, to the State Society Eagle Scout Chairman. This application may also be transmitted **with signatures typed** by email to the Chapter Chairman or State Chairman. Include Ancestor Chart and Essay in the email submission.

Chapters and States set their own submission deadlines. Deadline for submission of the State entry to the National Eagle Scout Committee, David Perkins (dperkins8@att.net) is 15 February.

State Eagle Scout Contest contacts may be found at:

<https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award>

John Henry Donnelly

America owes its freedom, at least in part, to the patriotic fervor of a small group of colonists who became known as the Sons of Liberty. Originally called the Loyal Nine, these patriots plotted and schemed to disrupt British efforts to tax the colonists and influenced them to take a stand for liberty. Practicing civil disobedience, these men churned up opposition to the 1765 Stamp Act, which required colonists to buy paper bearing the British revenue stamp. The income was to cover the costs of British troops stationed in the colonies to defend the American frontier. Colonists despised being taxed without their consent and clung to the motto, "No taxation without representation." Later, on the brink of the Revolution, the Sons secretly led the opposition to the tax on tea. Their crowning achievement was the Boston Tea Party in 1773, which ultimately propelled the colonists to war and, eventually, freedom.

Some members of the Sons of Liberty were publicly instrumental in the fight for independence, including Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, and Paul Revere. While the Boston and New York chapters were the first, the Sons of Liberty eventually established chapters in each American colony. Those involved came from all walks of life, and everyone was either an immigrant or an early-generation descendant of immigrants. Member Haym Salomon was, for example, a Portuguese Jew, who immigrated to the colonies from Poland. Of note, the name "Sons of Liberty" came from a speech delivered before the British parliament by Irishman Isaac Barre, who spoke in heartfelt defense of the colonists. Eventually, the Sons of Liberty organization was replaced by the more formal "Committees of Safety" of which my ancestor William Salter (1732-1802) was a member.

We can learn and apply today several important lessons from the Sons of Liberty. First, small groups of dedicated people can have a big impact on government. Second, efforts toward change do not necessarily begin at the top but can be most effective as grassroots movements. The Sons laid the groundwork for the use of petitions and civil disobedience to effect positive change, strategies that have led to some of the most momentous changes in American history, such as the successes of the civil rights and women's suffrage movements. Third, people from all walks of life can participate and be influential in political change. The original members of the Boston Sons actively recruited people from less economically prominent stations. Women also got involved by forming chapters called the Daughters of Liberty.

Finally, taking a stand against unjust laws and regulations is worth it. Because the Sons of Liberty did, America was established as an independent nation. Even though the Sons of Liberty was a secret organization, non-violent resistance and efforts toward change no longer need to be carried out undercover because we live in what the Sons were working for – a free country. And, as a result, they are proof that one person, or even just a few, can make and have made a tremendous difference in our country's history and its future.

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John Donnelly

Dear Mr. Jackson,

In this envelope is my
Completed application for the
SAR Eagle Scout scholarship.

If you have any questions,
my email is [jhdonnelly1@
gmail.com](mailto:jhdonnelly1@gmail.com)

and my phone number is
281-731-6978. Thank you
very much and have a happy
new year!

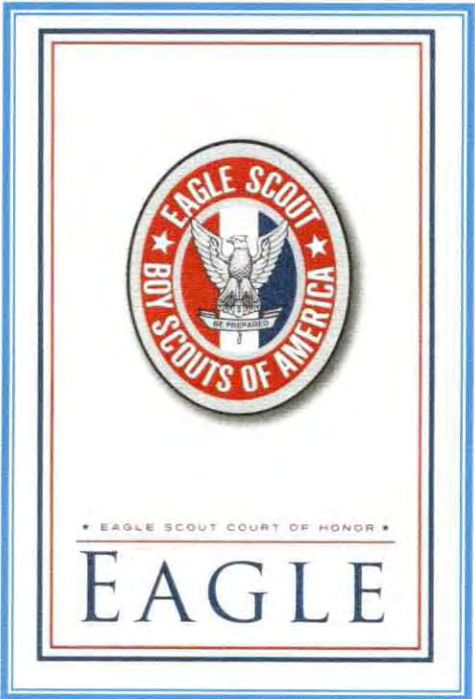
sincerely, 



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Youth Programs
Eagle Scouts
Court of Honors Program
Sunday, February 9, 2020



Eagle Scouts Troop 1283





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Above: Eagle Scout Luke Germenis presents his project Outdoor Canopy, sponsored by Special Pals.

Below: Twelve outstanding young men of Eagle Scouts Troop 1283.



Eagle Scout is the **highest advancement** rank in Boy Scouting. Since 1912 more than two million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their **best** each day to make their training an example, their rank and their **influence** count strongly for better Scouting and for better **citizenship** in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To this they pledge their **sacred honor**.



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EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TROOP 1283

Master of Ceremonies	Mike West
Color Guard	Max West
Opening Prayer	Kevin Long
Eagle Scout Recognition	Mike West
Spirit of Scouting – Scout Law	Carl Woodward
Eagle Charge	Troy Bergeron
Eagle Scout Promise	Richard Mogridge
Presentation of the Eagle Rank	Mike West
Eagle Scout Response	Eagle Scouts
Retreat of Colors	Max West
Closing	Mike West

Twelve Points of the Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,
Clean and Reverent

Eagle Scouts (Troop 1283 Eagle Scout Number) Eagle Project and Sponsor

Matt Bradley (98)
Picnic Tables for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Mason Woodward (100)
Picnic Tables for Lowery Elementary

Sean Choate (101)
Sandbox Cover for Cornerstone United Methodist Church
Preschool

Carson Woodward (107)
GaGa Ball Pit for Foundry United Methodist Church

Jack Holroyd (109)
Updated Library for Reach Unlimited

Chris Land (110)
Benches and Tile Path Construction for Reach Unlimited

Drake Drymond (115)
Planted Trees for Harris County Flood Control District

Andrew McCall (117)
Bookcases for Copeland Elementary

Luke Germanis (118)
Outdoor Canopy for Special Pals

Carlos Stevens (119)
Gravel Storage Facility for Katy Prairie Conservancy

Kevin Durney (122)
Trail Mileage Markers for Harris County Water Control
Improvement District #145

John Thoede (123)
Storm Sewer Water Quality Markers for Copperfield
Southdown



LUKE GERMENIS

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

February 9, 2020



Leadership History & Special Awards

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader 2018, 2019
Patrol Leader 2017
Historian 2016
Patrol Grub Master 2016
Troop Guide 2015
Assistant Patrol Leader 2015

NYLT 2018
Order of the Arrow 2016
Mile Swim, BSA 2016
Firem'n Chit 2015
Paul Bunyon 2015
Totin' Chip 2015
Arrow of Light 2014

Luke's Merit Badges Earned (*Eagle required)

Animal Science
Archery
Camping*
Cinematography
Citizenship in Community*
Citizenship in Nation*
Citizenship in World*
Communication*
Cooking*
Digital Technology
Electricity
Electronics
Energy
Engineering

Environmental Science*
Family Life*
Finger Printing
First Aid*
Geology
Life Saving*
Personal Management*
Personal Fitness*
Rifle Shooting
Rock Climbing
Shotgun Shooting
Swimming*
Veterinary Medicine

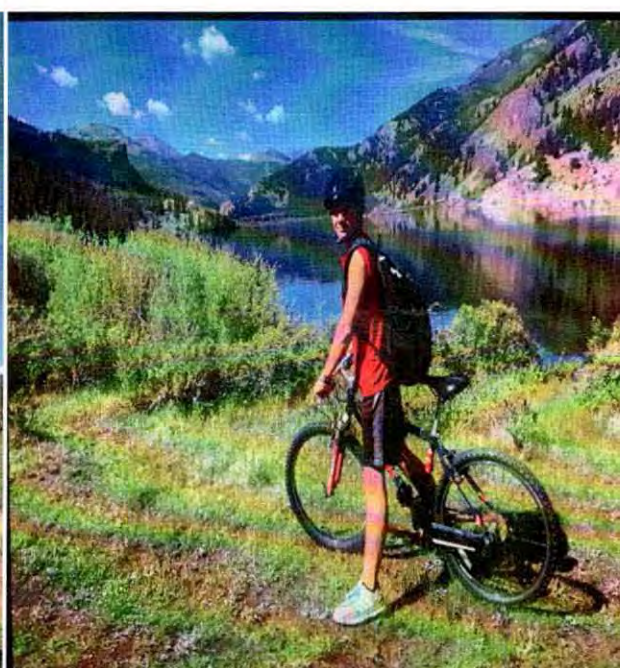
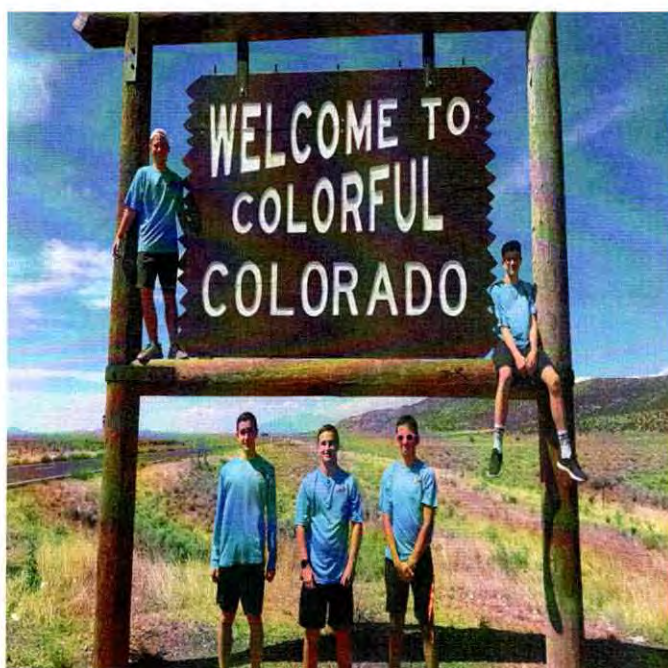
Luke's Eagle Project

Luke designed, built, and installed a canopy/roof structure over a dog-run for protection from the elements at Special Pals Animal Shelter



Luke wishes to thank the numerous people who have helped and supported him: Carl Woodward, Troy Bergeron, Richard Mogridge, Valerie Murray, Cleto Hernandez, Mark Stevens, the scouts and friends who helped with the Eagle Project, and the older scouts who mentored and helped pave the way. Also, a great big thank you to Mom and Dad for your support and encouragement!

Philmont Plan-B July 2018



Philmont Scout Ranch was closed due to the devastating fires in the summer of 2018. Luke, David, John, Carlos, and C.T. kept their bags packed and ventured to Colorado for some hiking and fun!

*Robert Rankin Chapter
Brochure Contest*



**The National Society
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Kate Y. Jeong

is awarded

1st Place

in the

**TexasSAR Sgt. Moses Adams Brochure Contest Sponsored by: Robert
Rankin Chapter #62 District #8**

This 8th day of August 2020

David Temple

President



The National Society
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Kate Y. Jeong

BROCHURE CONTEST

Chapter Level Winner



Robert Rankin Chapter

Robert Rankin

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Chloe S. Chang

BROCHURE CONTEST

Chapter Level Second Place



Robert Rankin Chapter

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President

Will R.
Secretary

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Damia Haynes

BROCHURE CONTEST

Chapter Level Third Place



Robert Rankin Chapter

R. B. McMurdi

President

Michael R.

Secretary

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BROCHURE CONTEST

Certificate of Merit



Robert Rankin Chapter

R. B. [Signature]

President

[Signature]

Secretary

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Lucinda A. Johnson

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Certificate of Merit



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Kenna K. Lee

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Middle School Brochure Contest

Points for Consideration		Entry by # Only									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Authorship	25 pts	25	25	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20
Content	25 pts	25	25	25	20	15	25	25	20	25	15
Creativity	25 pts	20	20	20	15	15	20	20	15	10	10
Correctness	25 pts	25	20	20	10	10	20	25	15	15	15
Total Points		95	90	80	60	55	80	90	70	70	60

First Place #

A

Points

95

R. B. Maize 1/30/20

Compatriot Sekel,

Please find enclosed the first place entry for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest for the Robert Rankin #62 chapter.

Best Regards,

R. B. Maize

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Morgan Wolter

is awarded

2nd Place

in the

**Texas SAR J.M. Looney Elementary Poster Contest Sponsored by:
Robert Rankin #62 District #8**

This 8th day of August 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Imple'.

President



The National Society
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Morgan Wolter

POSTER CONTEST

Chapter Level Winner



Robert Rankin Chapter

11/11/2020

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Noah Hagler

ORATION CONTEST

Chapter Level Winner



Robert Rankin Chapter

R. B. McPherson

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Willie R.

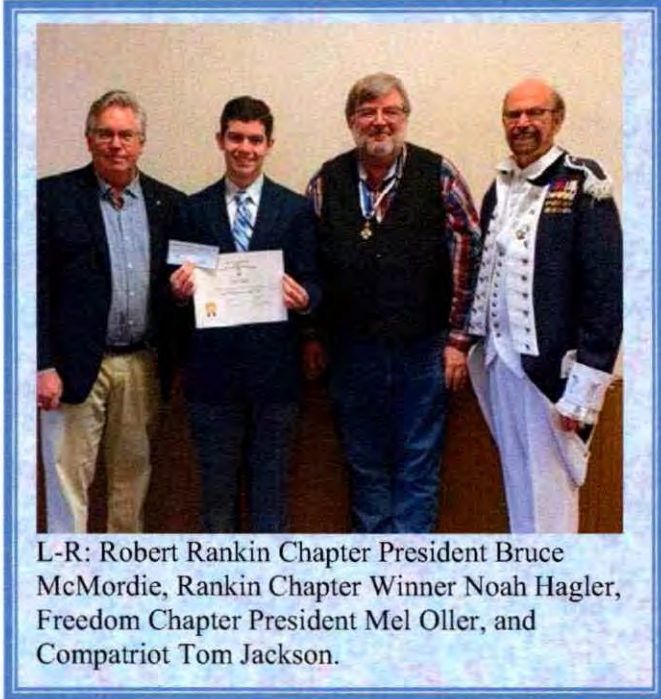
Secretary



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Youth Programs
Oration Contest



January 26, Sunday. 4 PM to 6 PM. Oration contest Sons of the American Revolution.





Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Youth Programs Oration Contest



Robert Rankin Oration Contest winner Noah Hagler joined the Robert Rankin Chapter for their February meeting, presenting his oration, "Iron Will: The Story of Samuel Whittemore. Whittemore was an American farmer and soldier, who at 78 years of age became the oldest known colonial combatant in the American Revolutionary War.



Robert Rankin Chapter
JROTC



ARMY JROTC



AIR FORCE JROTC Contest



NAVY JROTC



MARINE JROTC

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Cadet First Lieutenant Justin Benassi

has been awarded the

Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal

in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities,
military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying
the high ideals and principles which motivated and
sustained our patriot ancestors.



Robert Rankin Chapter

Date

11/11/2020

R.B. McPherson

President

Will R.

Secretary



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10 January 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) JROTC PROGRAM

FROM: Principal, Waller High School

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Cadet Justin Benassi

1. The purpose of this memo is to strongly recommend Cadet Justin Benassi for the Sons of American Revolution, Enhanced JROTC Program contest. Justin is a very motivated young man who is an outstanding role model for our cadets and students here at Waller High School. As our Armed Drill Team Commander, he has already led his team to multiple "top three" finishes in regional drill meets and is clearly dedicated to ensuring an incredible performance at the Air Force National Championships in Dayton Ohio this March. I have had the pride of seeing both he and his team represent our school at events such as the annual Veterans Day program, home football games and parade ceremonies. His extremely sharp personal appearance and professionalism make me very proud to know we have great student leaders who take pride in their country.

2. At the beginning of his Junior year, Justin's GPA was 3.478 with a class standing of 147/501. These figures will be updated later this month and we anticipate both will be higher based on his strong grades this past fall semester. Additionally, in the past year and a half, Justin has had three Pre-AP and three AP courses, as well as Pre-Calculus. He is not afraid to take on tough challenges and still manages to find time to spend hundreds of hours competing and practicing on the JROTC Drill team as well as many other community service events.

3. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions or need additional information. You will certainly find Justin Benassi is most deserving of special recognition and would be an outstanding representative for the Sons of American Revolution as an award recipient.

Stephanie Fletcher
Principal, Waller High School



Waller High School
Air Force JROTC TX-20065
20950 Field Store Road, Waller, TX 77484

10 January 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) JROTC PROGRAM

FROM: Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI), Waller High School

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Cadet Justin Benassi

1. It is my honor to recommend Cadet Justin Benassi for the Sons of American Revolution, Enhanced JROTC Program contest. Cadet Benassi is a highly respected leader in our JROTC cadet corps. He is currently our "Warhawks" Armed Drill Team Commander and was a key member of last year's team that placed third in the National Championships (Challenger-level) in Daytona Beach, Florida. It is clear that Justin leads by example and his strong dedication is emulated by younger cadets, especially on the drill team. Last year, he was an outstanding Flight Commander as a sophomore...specifically chosen based on his outstanding performance and potential following freshman year.
2. Cadet Benassi is easily in the top 10% of our cadet corps...he is one of two juniors who we will be seriously considering as our Cadet Corps Commander for next school year. His charismatic leadership style and approachable demeanor are evident in how others are drawn to him for mentorship and advice. His influence goes well beyond the cadets in JROTC; we regularly receive complements from a host of other teachers and administrators on how professional, polite and well-mannered Cadet Benassi is in their classes and other activities.
3. This school year, Justin took on the tremendous challenge of being the Armed Drill Team Commander; a team losing several seniors from the previous year and in a serious state of flux the first couple months due to academic and personal issues with a third of the team members. Cadet Benassi has handled every challenge with impressive ability to integrate new and experienced members into a cohesive team. He led his team to a 1st Place Finish in Exhibition Drill at the first, large-scale drill meet of the school year and followed it up with a 1st Place Flight Commander trophy at a meet in San Antonio.
4. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. There is no question that Justin Benassi exemplifies the character your organization seeks to promote and is truly deserving of recognition. Thank you for your consideration.

Byrl R. Engel, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)
SASI, TX-20065 (AFJROTC)
Waller High School

Sons of the American Revolution

Enhanced JROTC Program Nomination Form

When you place your mouse over most of the text data entry fields below, a feature called a "tooltip" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.

Nomination for Outstanding JROTC Cadet for Academic Year: to:

Sponsoring SAR Chapter and State Society:

High School Name: Address:

City: State: Zip+4:

JROTC Unit: Program: ☒ 3 Year ☐ 4 Year

Senior JROTC Instructor:

Recommended Cadet:

Cadet's Residence Address:

City: State: Zip+4:

High School Grade Level: ☒ 11th JROTC Grade Level: ☐ 2 ☒ 3

Scholastic Standing (example: 1st of 350): Academic Grade Point Average (GPA):

NOTE: You may use additional paper as required to reply to the following (please put cadet's name at top of each page).

Section 1: JROTC Leadership Position (Please show advancement history and potential for next year)

Example: Year 1: Recruit, Private, Private 1st Class, and Corporal

Year 1:	Cadet Airman Basic to Cadet Senior Airman	
Year 2:	Cadet Second Lieutenant	
Year 3:	Cadet First Lieutenant	
Year 4 potential:	Cadet Major to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel	

Section 2: JROTC Command Organizations & Position (Please show advancement history and potential)

Example: Year 1: Cadet, Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader, Assistant Platoon Leader.

Year 1:	Armed Drill Team and Color Guard member	
Year 2:	Flight Commander and Armed Drill Team (team placed 3d overall at Nationals Competition)	
Year 3:	Armed Drill Team Commander	
Year 4 potential:	Deputy or Corps Commander & Armed Drill Team Commander (2d Year)	

Cadet 1st Lt Justin Benassi

TX-20065 Cadet Corps

Waller High School

Topic - How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America

The Impact of Junior ROTC

In my three years of highschool, I have endured many conflicts, hardships and opportunities. In those, I was able to turn to my family down the hall. The Junior ROTC program has blessed me with multiple new experiences. Those experiences have taught me new lessons and skills to carry with me after high school. JROTC has presented many new opportunities and relationships that have aided me in becoming a citizen.

Being an exceptional program, Junior ROTC has given me many academic and military opportunities. I am able to be a part of the Warhawk drill team, visit colleges and military bases, and participate in different events dedicated to the community around our school. In these opportunities, I have learned the importance of comradery, integrity, self discipline, and service to the people in my community. As a team, we competed as a whole. Commitment and companionship were expected. We relied on each other to be at practice, to be eligible for competitions and to be ready for the competitions. Alongside the blind trust we put in each other, we had to hold ourselves accountable. As the commander, I am expected to be the example. Being held accountable by my team, my instructors and myself, I have learned to accept criticism and learn from it. With that, self discipline and integrity are crucial. All of those skills have enabled me to build a better understanding of citizenship.

JROTC encourages that each of the cadets become “developed citizens of character dedicated to their community and nation.” Throughout my three years, I have participated in a multitude of community service projects. With some of those, I have been asked to oversee those events, or lead a certain part of the project. Leadership is a very relevant skill that is required in almost every situation. JROTC has taught me to retain those skills for everyday use in my future. Although leadership is an important skill, it doesn’t require a solo artist. JROTC has also provided me the chance to work with other cadets to finish a job, project or create new ideas for an important issue being faced. When the Warhawk exhibition was lacking, as a team, we created new pieces and it brought us an amazing win last May. Our Bulldog Blastoff required multiple cadets working together to pull off the event. Without the lesson of companionship and teamwork, the morale of the Corps would fall and we would not have so many successful events and competitions. Due to the work of leadership and esprit de corps, I am proud to be a part of this program.

With the work of my team, my Corps, and my instructors, I was able to enjoy the experience of this accomplishing environment to develop as a citizen of America. I feel I am more prepared for difficult situations in my life because of this program and its teachings. The Junior ROTC program at my high school has given me a comforting place to turn to, and amazing opportunities to experience and learn from. Without the people around me, the morale of the Corps and the lessons I’ve learned in and out of the classroom, I would not be as prepared as I am for being a citizen in the United States.

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*JROTC
CFISD President's Day Drill
Saturday, February 8, 2020*



Air Force JROTC units across CFISD and the Houston area competed at the CFISD President's Day Military Drill Competition, held Feb. 8 at the Berry Center and Langham Creek High School. Events included academic presentations and testing, color guard, inspections, regulation and exhibition drill, physical training and marksmanship. Compatriot Tom Jackson (in his SAR uniform) attends.



*JROTC
CFISD President's Day Drill
Saturday, February 8, 2020*



*Robert Rankin Chapter
JROTC Programs: Cypress Ridge High School
February 14, 2020*



February 14th, JROTC Cy Ridge Military Banquet. The JROTC is led by Lt Col Haider Khan, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and SMSgt James Core, Aerospace Science Instructor. Their Mission Statement: "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."



(L-R) Lt Col Haider Khan, Cypress Ridge Principal Stephnie Meshell, Compatriot Tom Jackson.



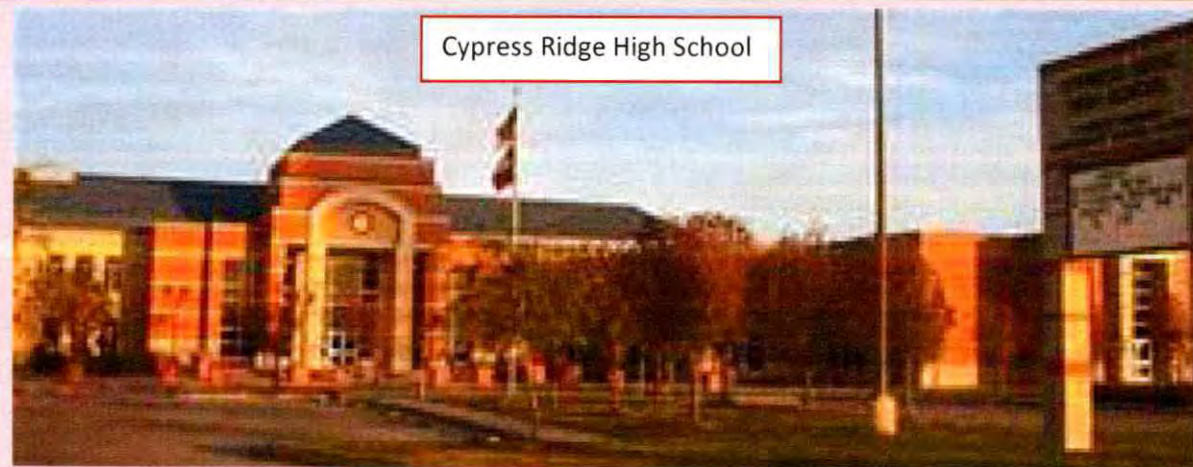
(L-R) SMSgt James Core, Compatriot Tom Jackson, and Lt Col Haider Kahn.

*Robert Rankin Chapter
JROTC Programs: Cypress Ridge High School
February 14, 2020*



Ken Pridgeon's mission to paint as many fallen armed service members from Texas as he can. In the past eight years, he has created around 250 portraits, which are now on display at the newly-opened Fallen Warriors Memorial Gallery on Cutten Road. The gallery is down the street from the Fallen Warriors Memorial in Cy Champ Park, which lists the names of all troops from Texas killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Carolyn Stamm Spillane was instrumental in bringing JROTC to CFISD. She could be called the Mother of the program. She spent the last 28 of her 40-year career as an educator in CFISD. She taught math at Jersey Village HS for two years before being named director of instruction at Campbell Middle School and then Jersey Village. She spent the following two years as associate principal at Langham Creek High School before becoming the district's director of secondary education in 1990 and was promoted to assistant superintendent for secondary curriculum five years later.



*Special thanks to the Military Ball Committee,
and all that helped make this a wonderful night.*

Military Ball Committee & Chair

C/Capt Castillo, N.

C/Aldana, B	C/Chuy, O.	C/Young, A.
C/Granados, V.	C/Castaneda, L.	C/Molina, D.
C/Garcia, A.	C/Hanham, K.	C/Porche, D.
C/Conner, M.	C/Rodriguez, D.	

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C/Ho, D.

C/Nguyen, J.

C/Young, A.

C/Rivera, M.

Saber Team

C/Manzon, C.

C/Aguillon, S.

C/Featherston, R.

C/Stokes, D.

C/Martin, I.

C/Lauder, K.

Taps: C/Campos, A.

Photographer: Maddie Chavez

COLOR GUARD

C/Estrada, H.

C/Porche, D.

C/Sherry, R.

C/Wedel, C.

Chorale

C/Cueto,

C/Hanham, K.

C/Regla, B.

C/Rivera, M.

C/Rodriguez, D. C/Alanis, B.

C/Martinez, K.

Cypress Ridge H.S.
AFJROTC
Presents

The 18th Annual
Military Ball

“DANCING UNDER THE MOON”
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

Sequence Of Events

1800-1835 Hrs.	Social Hour
1835-1900 Hrs.	Reception
1900-1905 Hrs.	Introduction
1905-1915 Hrs.	Posting Of Colors & POW/MIA Ceremony
1915-1920 Hrs.	Invocation/Toasts
1920-2000 Hrs.	Dinner/Slideshow
2000-2015 Hrs.	Intermission
2015-2030 Hrs.	Military Ball Court
2030-2230 Hrs	DANCE
2245 Hrs.	End Of The Night

**THANK YOU TO THE MILITARY BALL
COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND THE
SUCCESS OF THE MILITARY BALL
WELL DONE!!**

**MANY THANKS TO SENIOR MASTER SGT CORE
AND LT COL KHAN FOR SUPPORTING US
THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR. WE TRULY
APPRECIATE THE TIME AND DEDICATION YOU
PUT INTO OUR CORPS. THANK YOU TO OUR
PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,
AND ADMINISTRATORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT.**

**FINALLY, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020. WE WISH YOU
NOTHING MORE THAN THE VERY BEST! MAY
YOU BE BLESSED WITH SUCCESS AND A LIFE
FILLED WITH ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

**THANK YOU, TX-20028 CORPS OF CADETS
MILITARY BALL 2020**

Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Saturday, May 23, 2020

It was a thrill for Compatriot Tom Jackson to be invited to induct the officers of this outstanding chapter. Richard Zdunkewicz is the newly installed president and Allan Henshaw is the outgoing president. It felt good to be out in public among friends.

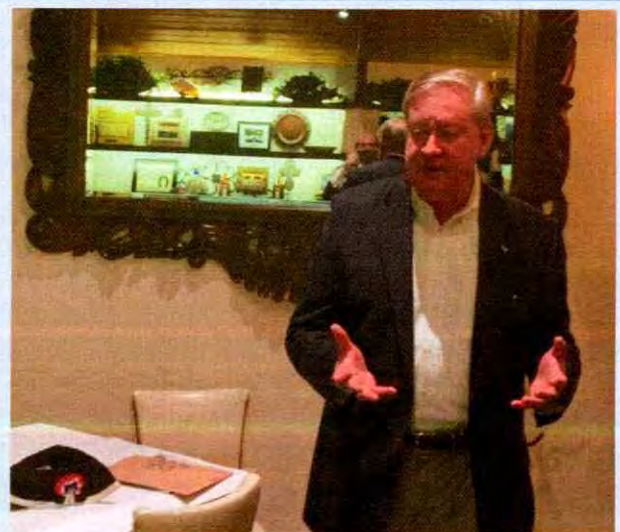
Tom was also the speaker and the title of his presentation was "There will be pestilence and rumors of pestilence." To paraphrase Matthew, "And ye shall hear of pestilence and rumors of pestilence; see that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass." During the American Revolution the virus de jour was smallpox & malaria/yellow fever.



(L-R) Carolos Hamilton, Allan Henshaw, Richard Zdunkewicz, and Tom Jackson.



Compatriot Tom Jackson



Newly installed President Richard
Zdunkewicz

Freedom #38

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Freedom Chapter, Texas Sons of the American Revolution monthly meeting via Zoom.

Compatriot Tom Jackson is invited to speak on the Constitution. Citizenship Day - Constitution Day - Constitution Week, to honor September 17, 1787, the day that 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution.



Citizenship Day - Constitution Day - Constitution Week

To honor September 17, 1787, the day that 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution.

- 1940 Joint Resolution authorizing the President of the United States of America to proclaim I Am An American Day, for the recognition, observance, and commemoration of American citizenship
- 1952 Joint Resolution designating September 17 of each year as "Citizenship Day" President Truman proclaims the first Citizenship Day
- 1955 President Eisenhower proclaims the first Constitution Week
- 2000 President William J. Clinton's proclaims Citizenship Day and Constitution Week
- 2009 President Barack H. Obama's proclaims celebrating Constitution and Citizenship Day and designating the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

From The Library of Congress Law Center

United States Constitution



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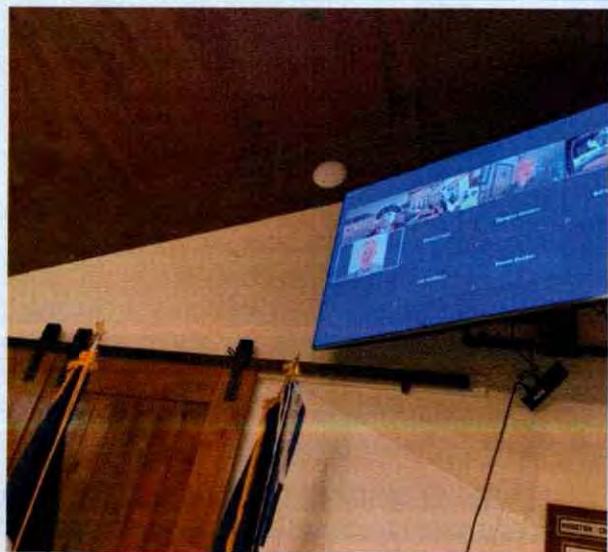
Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Paul Carrington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. In celebration of our constitution Compatriot Tom Jackson gives a presentation. Every year is a little bit different except that Compatriot Jackson always ties his presentation into the requirements of Texas for public schools, known as the TEKS, highlighting two philosophical observations from the preamble. First, the meaning of we the people in the second is the blessings of liberty. The presentation relies heavily upon constitutional law professors from George Washington University with hours of research to make certain that the presentation is fully sourced. Amendments to the constitution have been the foundation of terrain altering decisions by the Supreme Court.



Paul Carrington Chapter President Richard Zdunkewicz



Bernardo de Galvez #1

Saturday, September 19, 2020

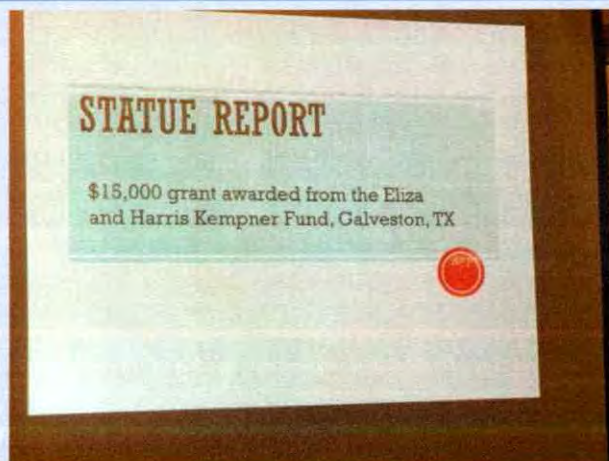
Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. This chapter was the first chapter for the SAR in the state of Texas. Its founder was a Congressional medal of honor winner, who went on to become the youngest Speaker of The House for the Texas Legislature. Compatriot Tom Jackson's presentation on the Constitution highlights founders who signed or didn't sign the Constitution.



Chapter President Bill Adriance shows the lead story from the Galveston newspaper regarding their monthly meeting of recognizing public service honorees.



Compatriot Tom Jackson (R) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Galvez Chapter President Bill Adriance (L)



Bill announces a major foundation's contribution has been made to their goal of erecting a statue in Galveston to honor the namesake of the city, Galvez.

*Robert Rankin Chapter
Cypress Lakes High School
November 4, 2020*

Compatriot Tom Jackson is invited to attend a recognition celebration for the students from the Cypress Lakes HS who formed Lakes4Life several years ago after the Santa Fe tragedy. They are being recognized today for their contribution in "getting out the vote!" In Texas the 18 to 24-year-old vote increased from just over 100K to over 700K! Wow!



Compatriot Tom Jackson (far left) presents Certificates of Appreciation from the Robert Rankin Chapter to students of CyLakes High School and members of the League of Women Voters CyFair: Leah Stephanow, Anita Wolley, Kathleen Hoang, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Paula Perez, Ashley Gomez, Itslene Sanchez, Sharon Olaifa, Natalie Rodriguez, League of Women Voters of Cy-Fair president Marlene Lobberecht.

*Robert Rankin Chapter
Cypress Lakes High School
November 4, 2020*



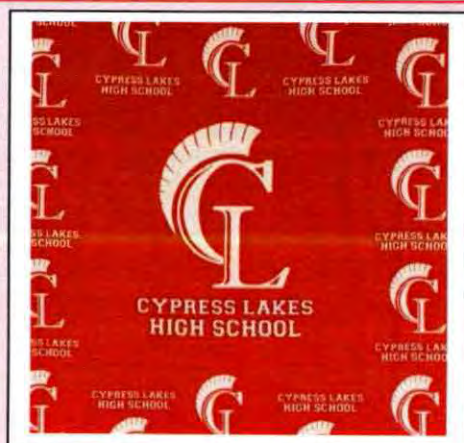
Compatriot Tom Jackson



Cypress Lakes High School senior and
Lakes4Lives president Kathleen Hoang



League of Women Voters of Cy-Fair
president Marlene Lobberecht, left, and
Compatriot Tom Jackson



Robert Rankin Chapter
CAR Support



Children of the American Revolution

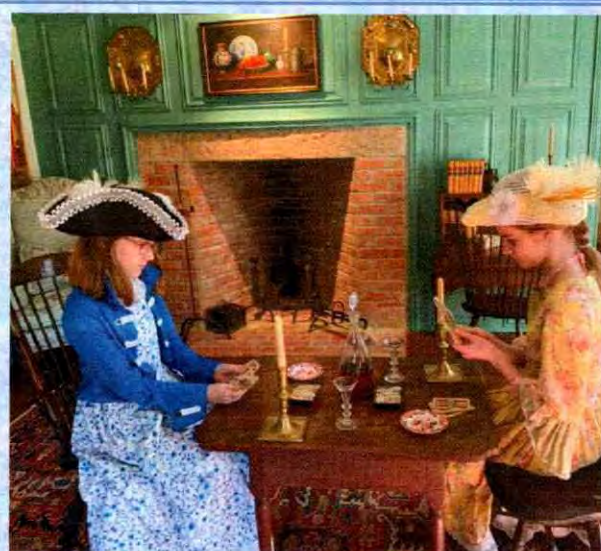


Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the CAR
Capt Edward Weyman Society CAR
Sunday, January 26, 2020

Compatriot Tom Jackson is the featured program for the Capt Edward Weyman Society CAR. His presentation is "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" which is about the Battle of Trenton. Of course, there is the music by The Tokens, Justin Timberlake, and the stentorian voice of Orson Welles. Tom was tickled to see so many children willing to give up part of their Sunday to learn about the creation of our country. Thank you Kristie Byram Campbell for the invitation to come speak to your chapter.

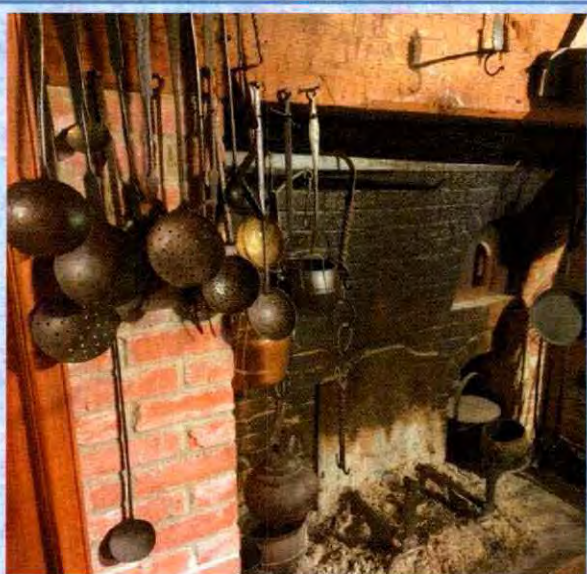


The ages range from first grade to high school seniors; counting parents, there were more than 40 in attendance.



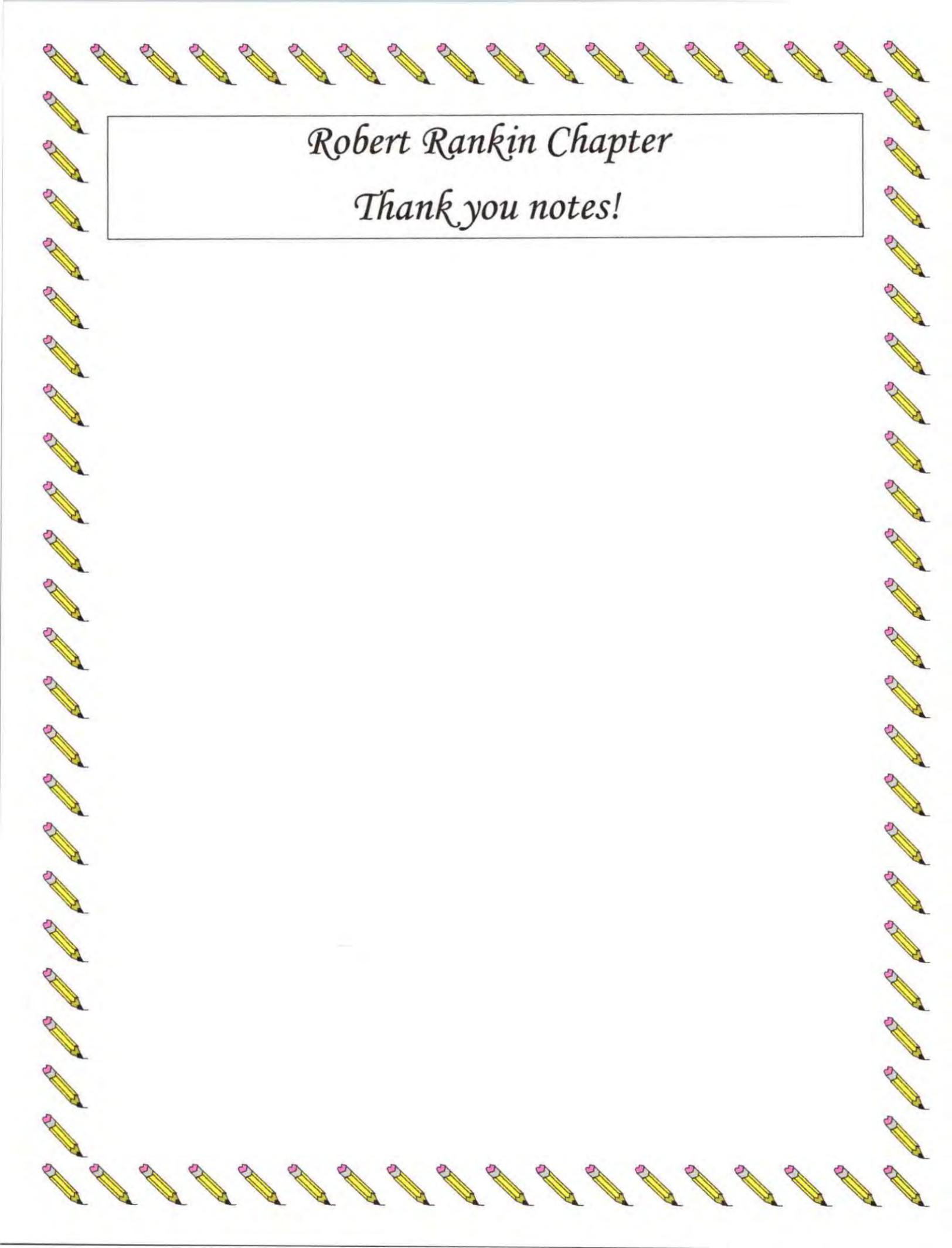


Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the CAR
Capt Edward Weyman Society CAR
Sunday, January 26, 2020



This house is a reconstruction of a mid-1700 gracious Connecticut house.





Robert Rankin Chapter
Thank you notes!



Abby Sue Campbell

Dear Mr Jackson,

Thank you for sharing your
Sunday with Capt. Ed CAR. Your
passion for America & patriotism
is an inspiration to us all.

all over
best,

Capt Edward Weyman
CAR

Abby Sue Campbell
President

Robert Rankin Chapter
DAR Support





Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Susan Greene Tillman – State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT – Marcy Carter-Lovick

January 19, 2020

Tom Jackson, President
Sons of the Revolution

Dear Tom,

On behalf of our State Regent, Susan G. Tillman, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the opening night ceremonies at the 121st Annual State Conference of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Please join us Thursday, March 12, at the Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport, 2334 North International Parkway, DFW Airport, Texas. Plan to arrive at the hotel at 6:15 p.m. to check in at the Guest Hospitality Table where you will receive directions to your reserved seat in the audience. You will be introduced by your hostesses, Sandy Burton and Debbie Delgado, during the evening program and invited to stand and be recognized. Please wear your official insignia.

A table space will be provided on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. for you to meet with our members and distribute information about your society. Please respond to Sandra Burton ([REDACTED]) by February 14 if you will be able to attend and if you would like to reserve a table space. We look forward to welcoming you to our state conference.

In DAR Friendship and Service,

Marcy Carter-Lovick
State Vice Regent

Cc: Debbie Delgado and Sandra Burton, State Co Chairs



Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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January 14, 2020

Thomas Jackson, State President
Texas Society Sons of the Revolution

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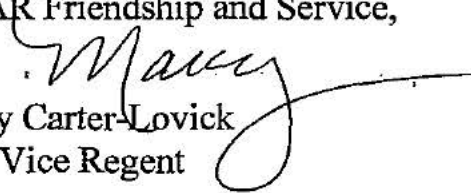
We would be honored to have you bring greetings to our assembly (not to exceed two minutes in length).

Please join us Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency DFW, 2334 N. International Parkway in Dallas [DFW Airport]. Please plan to arrive at the hotel at 6:00 p.m. to have a photograph made with the TXDAR State Regent prior to being seated on the platform for the evening's program. Please check in at the Guest Hospitality Table upon arrival.

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Please respond to me by February 5 if you will be able to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to our state conference.

In DAR Friendship and Service,


Marcy Carter-Lovick
State Vice Regent



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

*Elisha Robert Chapter
February 20, 2020*



February 20, Thursday. Jurgens Hall. Elisha Robert DAR monthly meeting. In the top photo is Regent Mary Lynn Goins and Mitzi Wright. In the other photo, Maudie Engle is the Chaplain. Regent Goins is inducting three new members to include Jaime Pierce is in red, Mary Blaschke (sp?), and a lady in the plaid scarfs. On behalf of the Robert Rankin Chapter, a Franklin is donated to the Wings of Freedom Society of the Children of the American Revolution and also to the Elisha Roberts Chapter. February 20, Thursday. Jurgens Hall. Elisha Robert DAR monthly meeting. I am the speaker for the evening & my presentation is "Remember the Ladies!" The DAR Constitutional minute is the 19th Amendment. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. In the photo are Laura Neal, Organizing Regent of the Elisha Robert Chapter and honorary Regent Melinda Svetlik Sims.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the DAR

*Elisha Robert Chapter
February 20, 2020*





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Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

*Elisha Robert Chapter
February 20, 2020*

Remember the Ladies



*By Tom Jackson
Video by JJ*

Abigail Adams First Spouse \$10 Gold Coin First Lady, 1797–1801



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

National DAR Day of Service
October 3, 2020
Houston, TX

On the National DAR Day of Service DAR members all over the world celebrate the anniversary of the October 11, 1890 founding of the DAR by participating in special volunteer service projects in their communities. Compatriot Tom Jackson joins the Ladies & other guests of the Lady Washington DAR Chapter for headstone cleaning at Woodlawn Cemetery, aka Little Arlington. The Lady Washinton Chapter is the largest DAR chapter in the world!





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Houston, TX*



In the photo above pictured from L-R: Compatriot Tom Jackson, Lisa Sechelski Mims, Project Coordinator, Lady Washington, and John Thompson (P. GSW1812 T),





Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

*National DAR Day of Service
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From Left to right: Tom Jackson, President Sons of the Revolution in Texas, Theron & Olga McClaren, Mary Anthony Starz, Regent Lady Washington Chapter, John Thompson, President General Society War of 1812 in Texas. Captain Theron & Olga were recognized for their Vietnam Service during a tour of duty in Greece! Thank you for your service.

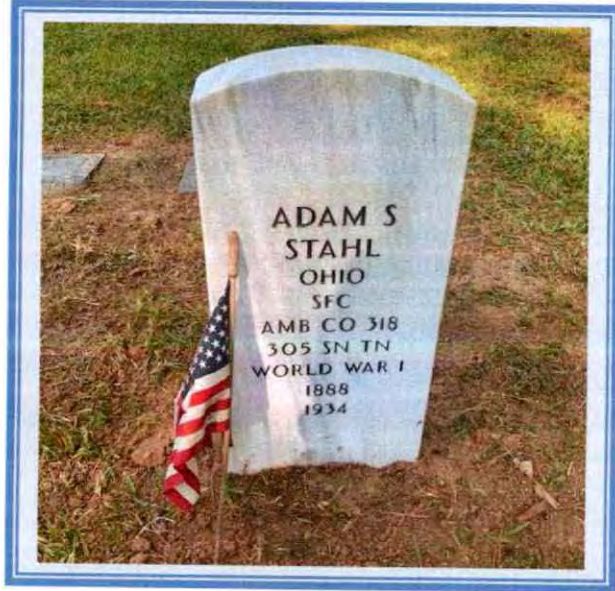


Compatriot Tom Jackson with Girl Scout Troop 111012 and Troop Leader Petra Cochran.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the DAR

*National DAR Day of Service
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Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

*James Tull Chapter
November 14, 2020*

Remember the Ladies

By Tom Jackson
Video by JJ

Abigail Adams First Spouse \$10 Gold Coin First Lady, 1797-1801

Please wait, the meeting host will let you in soon.

James Tull Chapter November Meeting
11/14/2020

This morning Compatriot Tom Jackson presents "Remember the Ladies" to the James Tull Chapter, NS Daughters of the American Revolution with Regent Sharon Taylor presiding. The updated presentation includes fun gifts to highlight the fifth woman being seated on the Supreme Court as well as the first woman to argue before the Supreme Court, Belva Lockwood.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Activities with the DAR

*James Tull Chapter
November 14, 2020*



United States Supreme Court
U S v. CHEROKEE NATION(1906)
No. 346
Argued: Decided: April 30, 1906

Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood
(1830—1917)

After becoming a teacher, Belva fought for female teachers to receive the same pay as their male colleagues.

- Her passion for equal rights then took her to Washington, DC where she earned her law degree.
- She lobbied Congress for an anti-discrimination bill. The bill was signed into law in 1879 and Lockwood became the first woman to try a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Lockwood later ran for U.S. President as the National Equal Rights Party candidate in both 1884 and 1888.
- A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Belva Lockwood went on to be the first female to win a case before the Supremes when she represented the Cherokee nation. Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood (1830—1917) also was the first woman to run for President of the United States meeting all legal requirements and she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution! How about those apples?



**Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Activities with the DAR**

*James Tull Chapter
November 14, 2020*

Call to Order: "By virtue of the authority vested in me by the James Tull Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, I now declare this meeting in session. Please rise and remain standing through the Pledge to the Texas flag."

Ritual:

Regent: "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; to promote an enlightened public opinion; and to foster true country. These are the Objects of our



Patriot Minute

Presented by

Jane Thomas





Robert Rankin Chapter
Public Service



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept.
January 21, 2020*



Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. First Responder Recognition. First Responder Sponsor is Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital and the First Responder Agency is Cy Fair Volunteer Fire Department. The Honoree is Christian Arick, Paramedic 2 for the Cy-Fair Fire Department. Christie Dawson, Chief Nurse and Head of Acute Care for Memorial Herman, attends the presentations.

Christian Arick, Paramedic 2 for the Cy-Fair Fire Department, has excelled amongst his peers and deserves recognition from the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce. Christian has grown his knowledge to serve our citizens beyond what is required. One such example of his clinical excellence highlighted in the national journal for EMS providers was where he recognized a complex cardiac patient who did not meet the standard definition of persons having a heart attack. In addition to the unique case, Christian has assisted in the development of a team of highly specialized paramedics to provide support to first responders deployed on large-scale events such as the recent wildland fires and hurricanes. Not only has Christian proven himself to stand out in clinical excellence he was recognized as one of the top paramedics in Texas for customer service. These are just a few of the examples as to why Christian is so deserving of this award.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Public Service Awards

Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce

First Responder Honoree of the Month

Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept.

January 21, 2020

Texas Society



Sons of the American Revolution



In the photo from L-R: Compatriot Tom Jackson, Christie Dawson, Chief Nurse and Head of Acute Care for Memorial Herman, Honoree Christian Arick Paramedic 2 for the Cy-Fair Fire Department, Assistant Chief EMS Justin Reed, and Rep. Rosenthal, Jon - Texas House of Representatives.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month
Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office
October 20, 2020*



Sergeant Roger Wolsey began his career in law enforcement in January 1999 having graduated the Texas DPS Academy becoming a State Trooper for over 12 years. During that time he worked traffic enforcement at many different assignments throughout the State of Texas and began taking courses on collision scene investigation and worked fatality and serious injury vehicle collisions.

In June 2014, Sgt. Wolsey began working for the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office as a patrol deputy assigned to the Toll Road Division. There he continued investigating collisions and traffic enforcement, being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2018 and moving into the Patrol Accident Investigation Unit where he has continued working fatality and serious injury collision investigations, assisted in training new Accident Investigators for the Department, and supervising the current Accident Investigation Team.



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Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office
October 20, 2020*

Texas Society



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Sgt. Johnnie Whiteley (pictured left) read the citation for Sgt. Wolsey, noting that had it not been for Sergeant Wolsey's keen sense of duty and extensive experience on accident and interview scenes, an FSRA accident involving a 9 year old girl that had been struck this case would not have been closed out with charges filed. Sergeant Wolsey is commended for a job well done and bringing a positive reflection on his professionalism and The Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's office.



L-R: L-R: Honoree Sgt. Roger Wolsey of the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office, Sgt. Johnnie Whiteley, Lt. John Walton, and Compatriot Tom Jackson. All of the officers were also presented with COVID -19 Hero Certificates.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month
Jersey Village Police Department
November 17, 2020*



In 2015 Detective Taylor was promoted to Corporal and assigned to the Evening Shift Patrol Division. As a patrol corporal Detective Taylor led from the front and his approach was vital towards their success.

In March of 2020 Detective Taylor was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Detective Taylor approached his new assignment as he has all other assignments with the department with full dedication. Since being assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division Detective Taylor has worked many lengthy long-term investigations that required many hours. The cases he has worked have helped numerous other agencies solve open cases across the state. Detective Taylor has a can-do attitude and works diligently for the citizens of Jersey Village. His approach towards solving crimes and serving the citizens is excellent.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month
Jersey Village Police Department
November 17, 2020*



At left, Honoree Detective Jared Talor (L) and Compatriot Tom Jackson (R). Detective Taylor began his law enforcement career in 2009 with the Cleveland Police Department. In 2012 Detective Taylor was hired with the Jersey Village Police Department and has been a vital part to the department's success since he arrived. Detective Taylor is very known throughout the community and well respected by not only his supervisors and peers but also the members within the community.



City Manager Austin Bleess, Chief of Policy Kirk Riggs, Lt. Danny Keele, Honoree Detective Jared Taylor, Texas State Representative Jon Rosenthal - District 135, CFISD Board of Trustee Gilbert Sarabia, and fellow CFISD Trustee Compatriot Tom Jackson. Mr. Blees and all of the officers were also presented with COVID -19 Hero Certificates.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Silver Good Citizenship Medal
SMSgt James Core
February 12, 2020*



Cypress Ridge High School. Compatriot Tom Jackson is invited to the faculty meeting to present a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to SMSgt James Core for outstanding service to the campus, the community, and the state. He was recognized by his organization as one of the top NCOs in the nation. Many thanks to Principal Stephanie Meshell for permitting Tom to make this presentation.





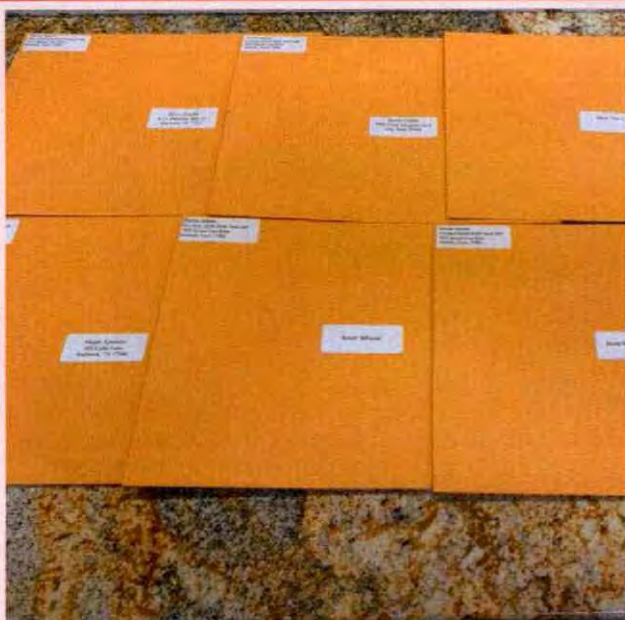
Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Recognition of COVID-19 Heroes

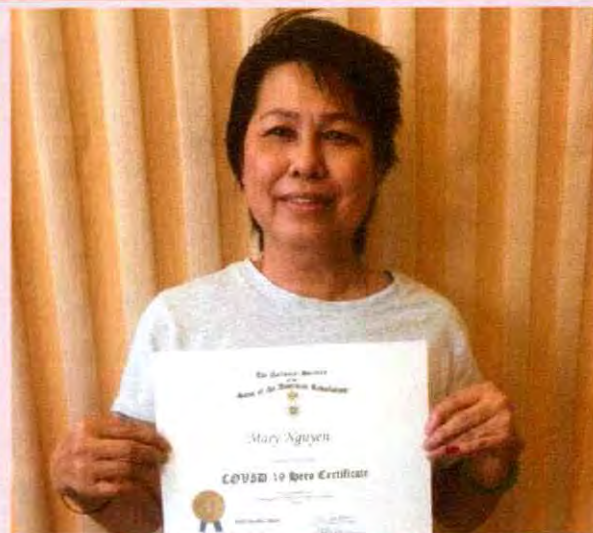
Texas Society



Sons of the American Revolution



Covid-19 Hero Certificates ready to place in the mail to say thank you to those who made masks and donated them to others. These certificates went to hard working ladies of the Elisha Roberts Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter in Cypress, the John Everitt Chapter in Columbus and the Tejas Chapter in Houston. Another handful went to hard working ladies in the League City area. To date, 51 certificates have been awarded.



Mary, owner of Mary's Tailoring, has made color guard uniforms and Bailadora attire in addition to many other items. This year her business disappeared as a result of the virus. So, she decided to make masks on a full-time basis and donate them. A heartwarming story that is repeated across our community.





Robert Rankin Chapter
Thank you notes!



The Children's Art Project funds a wide array of programs for children with cancer at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. The education program, summer camps for patients and their siblings, the Child Life Program, and more are all part of our effort to make life better for the hundreds of children treated in our pediatric cancer program.



Making life better for children with cancer since 1973!

Product sales benefit the emotional, educational and recreational needs of patients.

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American Flag

800-231-1580 ★ www.childrensart.org

Dear Mr. Jackson,

June 20, 2020

I want to thank you for recognizing me and my fellow Texas daughters. Our service of meeting the needs of Americans in this Pandemic was instructive and continues on.

To be recognized for it emphasizes that we are doing the right thing.

Thank you again

Diane Teichman, ~~MS~~ Texas Chen Historical
Preservation and American History

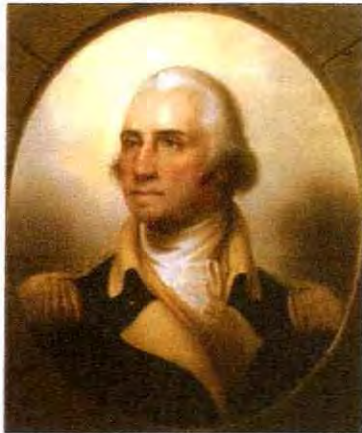
Robert Rankin Chapter

Veterans



Robert Rankin Chapter

Special Observances



Washington's Birthday



Patriot's Day



Memorial Day



Flag Day



Veteran's Day



Fourth of July



Constitution Day



Yorktown Day



Wreaths Across America



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

***A Message from the Governor
in honor of
Presidents Day:***

The American presidency is a revered institution, and perhaps no president has been as admired and respected as the first to hold the office: George Washington. In fact, Washington was so beloved by his countrymen that, even before his death in 1799, many Americans began celebrating his birthday — February 22 — as an “unofficial” holiday.

On January 31, 1879, Congress made the unofficial day official, designating Washington’s Birthday as a federal holiday. Nearly a century later, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Law, which moved the holiday to the third Monday in February. While we have come to know it as Presidents Day, it is still Washington’s Birthday in federal law.

Washington was an example to our nation and to those succeeding him — one of courage, character, strength and leadership. Each of our presidents has been a caretaker of that legacy, and a few Texans have been among those to assume this tremendous responsibility, including Lyndon Johnson and former Texas Governor George W. Bush.

As we celebrate this Presidents Day on February 20, 2017, I join my fellow Texans in honoring the memory of George Washington and paying respect to all those who came after him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

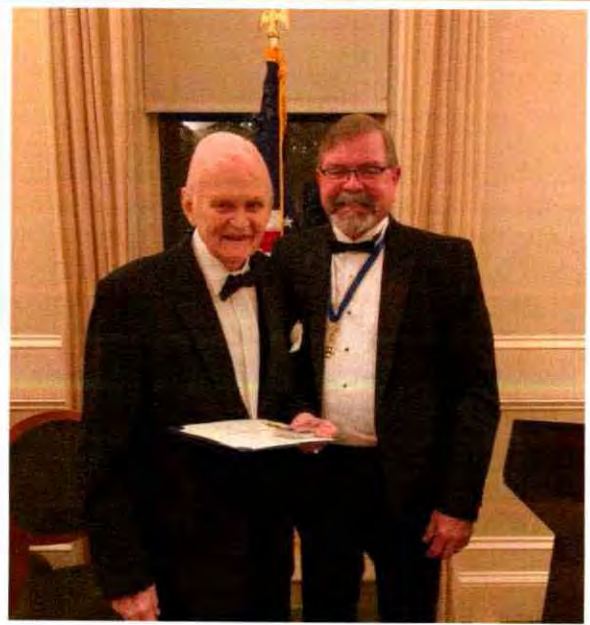




*Paul Carrington Chapter
George Washington Day Dinner
February 13, 2020*



In the top photo Jim Kuykendall holds a book about George which has a direct tie in to Carrington. Tom Jackson provides the address in the bottom left photo. Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim K gives Carrington Weems a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.





*Paul Carrington Chapter
George Washington Day Dinner
February 13, 2020*



February 13, Thursday evening. Paul Carrington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. 77th George Washington Birthday Dinner, recognizing F. Carrington Weems II.

We gather this evening to celebrate the 288th birthday of our first Commander-In-Chief, George Washington. To commemorate this event, each year since 1944, the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has bestowed the Distinguished Service Award upon a local resident who has exemplified the qualities of our first President. Those qualities being leadership, selfless service to others, faithfulness to our Lord and perhaps above all...humility.



Carrington receives a framed portrait of George Washington kneeling at Valley Forge.



From L to R: Allan Henshaw, F. Carrington Weems, Tom Lawrence, Tom Jackson.



*Paul Carrington Chapter
George Washington Day Dinner
February 13, 2020*



Courtney Markowitz (pictured in red) sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the evening. The jazz quartet is a lovely backdrop for the reception. President General Judge Tom Lawrence (bottom photo), who served 32 years as a judge in Northwest Harris County, brings welcoming comments from the National Society



From L to R: Carrington President Allan Henshaw, Courtney Markowitz, Debbie Henshaw



Jazz Quartet playing patriotic music.



Seated at the dinner table with me are Texas SAR Staff Secretary Mayor Jim Kuykendall and Carrington President-elect Richard Zdunkewicz.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY DINNER

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

77th ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

RECOGNIZING

F. Carrington Weems II

PROGRAM

WELCOME Allan M. Henshaw
Paul Carrington Chapter President

INVOCATION Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Secretary TXSSAR, Chapter Chaplain & Past Chapter President

POSTING OF COLORS TXSSAR Color Guard
Samuel P. Massey, Jr., Commanding

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES Richard Lee Zdunkewicz
Paul Carrington Chapter President-Elect

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF TEXAS Shelton M. Vaughan
Paul Carrington Chapter Historian

*"Honor the Texas Flag: I pledge my allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible."*

SAR PLEDGE Charles R. Wagner
Paul Carrington Chapter Past President

*"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who,
by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm
our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic,
and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."*

SINGING OF *The National Anthem* Courtney Markowitz

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Allan M. Henshaw

NSSAR GREETINGS Honorable Thomas E. Lawrence
Former President General, NSSAR
Past Recipient, George Washington Distinguished Service Award (2013)

TXSSAR GREETINGS James M. Kuykendall
President Elect, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

DINNER

THE 77th GEORGE WASHINGTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
RECOGNITION OF F. CARRINGTON WEEMS II Thomas Jackson

PRESENTATION OF CITATION Thomas Jackson

PRESENTATION OF SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL Thomas Jackson

PORTRAIT OF *GEORGE WASHINGTON* Joe R. Davidson

SINGING OF *God Bless America* Courtney Markowitz

RECESSIONAL Allan M. Henshaw

*"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our
forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights,
an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men."*

BENEDICTION Samuel P. Massey, Jr.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR UNDERWRITING THIS EVENT.

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD IS THE MOST
PRESTIGIOUS AWARD GIVEN BY THE PAUL CARRINGTON CHAPTER. IT IS CONFERRED
ONLY AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST PRESIDENT
TO A PERSON WHO HAS MANIFESTED THE HIGHEST QUALITIES OF PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE LIFE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY.**

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1944 Mr. C. E. Gilbert, Jr.	1969 Mr. Joseph S. Gallegly	1992 PG G. H. Brandau, M.D.
1945 Mr. Edward Kilman	Mr. Clyde J. Verheyden	1993 Mr. Jack S. Blanton
1946 Mr. Hugh Roy Cullen	1970 Hon. E. G. West	1994 Dr. J. T. Painter
1947 Dr. John T. Moore	1971 Dr. Everett L. Goar	1995 Hon. Spurgeon E. Bell
Hon. Ross S. Sterling	1972 Dr. R. Lee Clark	Hon. William N. Blanton, Jr.
1948 Bishop A. Frank Smith	Dr. Claude I. Fly	1996 Mr. Harris Masterson
1949 Dr. W. H. Moursund	1973 Gen. Clyde J. Watts	1997 Lt. Gen. Howard D. Graves
1950 Hon. E. E. Townes	1974 Mr. J. Evetts Haley	1998 Mr. Harry E. Bovay, Jr.
1951 Mr. A Dee Simpson	Hon. John R. Rarick	1999 Mr. Joe Hunter Reynolds
1952 Mr. Hines H. Baker	1975 Col. Curtis B. Dall	2000 Capt. Eugene A. Cernan
Mr. Charles H. Lane	1976 Mrs. J. F. MacArthur	Mr. Ray Miller
1953 Col. Joseph W. Evans	1977 Rev. A. J. Frank	2001 Dr. John Mendelsohn
Mr. Louis W. Kemp	Hon. J. M. Ingraham	2002 Hon. Ewing Werlein, Jr.
1954 Mr. Francis M. Law	Hon. L. P. McDonald	2003 PG B. Rice Aston
Mr. William S. Patton	1978 Hon. M. Thomson	2004 Mr. Stewart Morris, Sr.
1955 Mr. Warren S. Bellows	Hon. Presley E. Werlein, Jr.	2005 Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey, Sr.
1956 Mr. Jesse H. Jones	1979 Dr. D. A. Cooley	2006 Hon. Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.
1957 Dr. Henry A. Petersen	Sen. Jesse W. Helms	2007 Maj. Gen. Robert R. Ivany
1958 Mr. Paul E. Wise	1980 Gov. Price Daniel	2008 Mr. T. Gerald Treece
1959 Col. Desmond A. Barry	1981 Mr. Dan Smoot	2009 Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.
1960 Mr. W. Hume Everett	1982 Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr.	2010 Mr. Myron F. Steves, Sr.
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR UNDERWRITING THIS EVENT.

TOM JACKSON – RECOGNITION OF CARRINGTON WEEMS

Compatriots, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.....

We gather this evening to celebrate the 288th birthday of our first Commander-In-Chief, George Washington. To commemorate this event, each year since 1944, the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has bestowed the Distinguished Service Award upon a local resident who has exemplified the qualities of our first President. Those qualities being leadership, selfless service to others, faithfulness to our Lord and perhaps above all...humility.

Many Americans today do not know that at the end of the American Revolution, George Washington was held in such high esteem by the military and citizenry, that he might have ruled the new United States of America as a monarch. In fact, after the War for Independence, there were calls from both military leadership and other influential men, including Alexander Hamilton, who favored a strong national government, for Washington to lead the effort by first challenging the Continental Congress regarding payments to the Continental Army. Washington would have none of it! His demonstration of humility continues to serve as an example of the most important quality a public servant can have.

Tonight, we honor our compatriot and friend, Carrington Weems, a man of many accomplishments, but also one who has shown humility, selfless service to others and faithfulness during his life.

This evening we are pleased to be joined by Carrington's daughter, Alexandra Weems, and Carrington's son, Cannie Weems and his wife, Cristina Weems; as well as many of his friends.

Carrington has contributed greatly to philanthropic efforts here in Houston. I would like to relate just a couple of stories of his generosity and leadership.

In the 1960's, the Contemporary Arts Museum was housed in a small, temporary building on the property of the Prudential Parking Lot across from the Texas Medical Center. Seeing the need for expansion and its own permanent home site, Carrington as Chairman of the CAM, began to look for suitable land nearby and started to assemble quality leadership and influential board membership.

Carrington, having found a suitable location, then set off to raise funds for the new building and seeking an architect. A successful fund raising effort and the selection of Gunnar Birkerts as architect and Gervais Bell Construction Company as general contractor, the project was off and running. On March 19, 1972, the Contemporary Arts Museum was officially dedicated in a ceremony attended by many leading Houstonians and patrons of the arts.

In 1977, Carrington became President of Glenwood Cemetery. Now, for those of you new to Houston or perhaps live in outlying areas, Glenwood Cemetery, located south of Washington Avenue and north of Memorial Drive near downtown, is one of Houston's oldest cemeteries. Many "old Houston" family members are buried there, including George Hermann, Nina Cullinan, William P. Hobby, Caroline Wiess Law, John Staub, and Dr. Denton Cooley. Many of you in attendance this evening may have friends and family resting in Glenwood.

Under Carrington's leadership, the cemetery's staff, management and operations were substantially upgraded in the 1980's. Landscape restoration and architectural appointments were undertaken consistent with the high standards established by the architectural control committee. A new section, called The Valley,

was opened in 1988 and later, in 1995, the Victorian office cottage was completely renovated and enlarged to accommodate the larger staff that the cemetery requires.

Today, thanks to Carrington and others like him, Glenwood is a serene and pastoral final resting place in the midst of our modern and ever-growing city.

Finally this evening, I would like to relate to you all a unique, common history of George Washington and Carrington's family.

Carrington's ancestor, Parson Mason Loch Weems, has a connection to George Washington. Parson Weems, a prominent literary figure in the late-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, is perhaps best-known for his 1800 biography of Washington, *The Life of Washington*, which includes the famous cherry tree story wherein a six-year old Washington admits to using his new hatchet to cut up his father's prized cherry tree, and admits to the act.

Parson Weems is also considered the originator of the story of Washington praying at Valley Forge. This story was captured in Arnold Friberg's portrait of Washington kneeling beside his horse at a time of deep despair in that winter of 1777-1778.

Tonight, this story comes full circle as we honor and recognize our compatriot and friend, Carrington Weems, with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award.

Ladies and Gentlemen.....our compatriot and friend, Carrington Weems.....

[APPLAUSE HERE]

[TOM JACKSON - READING OF CITATION]

**[INTRODUCTION OF CARRINGTON WEEMS, AND
MORE APPLAUSE – CARRINGTON WILL NEED HELP
GETTING TO THE PODIUM]**

**[Carrington will say a few words and may have a short story of
his family for us]**

**JOE DAVIDSON – PRESENTATION OF GEORGE
WASHINGTON PORTRAIT**

Wreaths Across America 2020

Dec 19, 2020. Saturday.

Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, Houston, TX. Little Arlington Section. Over 500 wreaths were placed on Veterans Graves. The rain continued throughout the morning.

Cynthia Driskill and the Ladies Charity Organization "Diamonds and Dollars, James Bates Society Children of the American Revolution, Lady Washington & Tejas Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Diamonds and Dollars, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts. This year the VFW and Kepner AF JROTC, were present in reduced numbers as a result of Covid-19.



Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, Houston, TX. Little Arlington Section.

Wreaths Across America 2020



Wreaths Across America

2012 was the First Year that the Rankin Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America.

There are two recognized locations with a third that is applying.

This program counts for National Color Guard Points!

This program was started by Allen Green & Tom Jackson.

Houston Locations

Houston National Cemetery Houston - TXHNCH

Location Address: 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr Houston TX 77038

Location Graves: 70000+

Location Veteran Graves: 70000+

Accepting Sponsorship Wreaths: Yes

Volunteer Location Leader: Scott DeMasi

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Woodlawn Garden of Memories Houston - TXWGMH

Location Address: 1101 Antoine Dr Houston TX 77055

Location Graves: 28000

Location Veteran Graves: unknown

Accepting Sponsorship Wreaths: Yes

Volunteer Location Leader: Lori Gillem

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[REDACTED]

Katy Locations

Magnolia Cemetery, (281) 391-4800

6801 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77493

Near Westside & Energy Corridor

Wreaths Across America 2020



Compatriots Michael Bierman (L) and Tom Jackson (R) with Ginny Evans.



Compatriot Tom Jackson is honored to give thanks to Veterans living and pay respect to those who passed and the families who supported our Veterans. All gave some, some gave all. Let us always remember, let us never forget.

Wreaths Across America 2020



Wreaths Across America Service held at Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, Texas on Saturday, December 19, 2020. This service was hosted by the American Legion Post 164. The service was well attended despite the unfavorable weather conditions. Pictured in the above left photo and the bottom right photo is Robert Rankin President Bruce McMordie. Bruce is retired U.S. Merchant Marine. In the above right photo is Compatriot Harry Woodstrom. Harry is the Vice Commander of the 22nd District, Department of Texas of the American Legion.

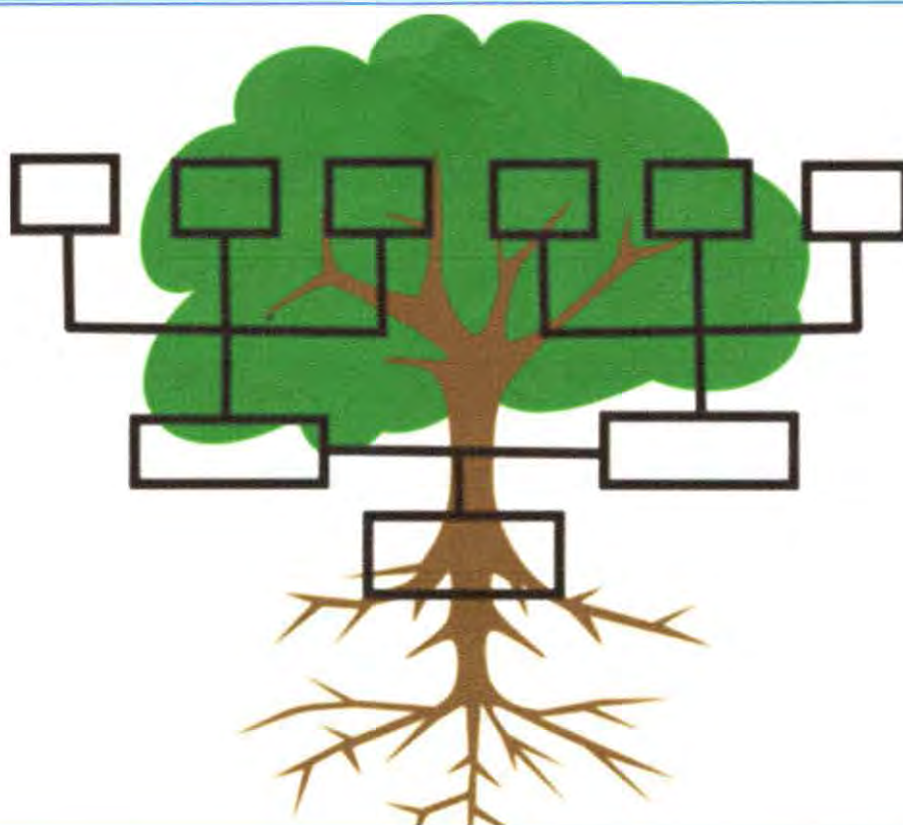


WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

★ EVERYONE PLAYS A PART ★



*Robert Rankin Chapter
Registrar Meetings
2020*



Applications printed, signed, and submitted (17)

1. Andress
2. Burdette
3. Clark
4. Smith
5. Woodstrom
6. Andrews
7. Cagle
8. Strange
9. Weber
10. Mitzer
11. Olachia (3)
12. Olachia
13. Olachia
14. Planck
15. Jester
16. Thomas
17. Wimbish
18. Bell
19. Bell
20. Milliard
21. Milliard
22. Walker, G

Applications in process (4)

1. Justice Wise, need his BC

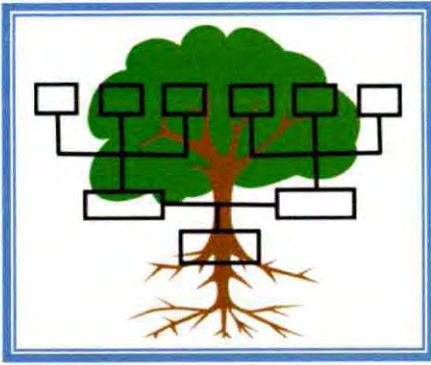
Robert Rankin Chapter Registrar Meetings 2020



June 23rd, Tuesday. Compatriot Tom Jackson (R) met with SAR prospect – now official Compatriot – Harry Woodstrom (L) for the third time for a final review. The detective work is interesting and it revolves around a family bible printed in 1846 and substantiating a young mother who passed in child birth in 1843(?).

Joining Compatriot Tom Jackson at his meeting with Harry Woodstrom is Ret Lt. and fellow Compatriot Ed Raines. Ed reviewed and signed Tom's application just over 15 years ago. He was the founding President of the Rankin chapter. He is a Rice University graduate and a grand storyteller.





*Robert Rankin Chapter
Registrar Meetings
2020*



July 16, 2020. A stop is at Adair's Restaurant for Compatriot Tom Jackson to meet Mike, a fellow who is interested in becoming a member of The Sons of the American Revolution. His target Patriot is Christian Zorn, a German immigrant who had settled in one of the many German villages in Pennsylvania. As typically happens when Compatriot Jackson reviews applications, there is always one generation where the courthouse will not give up her secrets. If it were not for Covid-19, it would be an easy matter to go to Clayton Library downtown to start a little research. Tom suggests to Mike that he start his letter / email writing, contacting the libraries and societies in that part of Pennsylvania. Smaller towns seem to be more actively open than the cities.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Texas Society

Presentations

Cradle of Texas #33
Saturday, November 7, 2020

Remember the Ladies



Compatriot Tom Jackson is the primary speaker with his power point presentation, "Salute to the Ladies." It is rather fitting that the first woman to argue before the Supreme Court was a future member of the DAR, Belva Lockwood. This amazing woman first had to petition US Grant for her to be awarded her law degree (1873), then petition Congress not to bar women from arguing in any court (1879), and then argued her first case before the Supreme Court (1880). She won her first case before the Supreme Court in 1906!



Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood
(1830—1917)

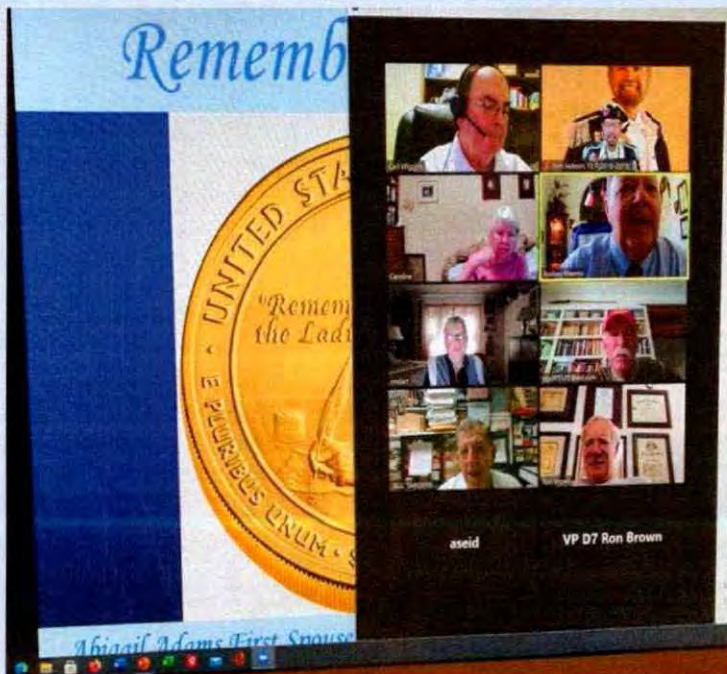
- First Woman to argue before the Supreme Court
- After becoming a teacher Belva fought for female teachers to receive the same pay as their male colleagues.
- Her passion for equal rights then took her to Washington, DC where she earned her law degree.
- She lobbied Congress for an anti-discrimination bill. The bill was signed into law in 1879 and Lockwood became the first woman to try a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cradle of Texas #33

Saturday, November 7, 2020



Quite apropos for this year as it was 100 years ago that women were given the right to vote and the fifth woman was nominated and confirmed to the US



Top Row: Carl Wiggins (L) and Compatriot Tom Jackson (R)

Second Row: Caroline Wiggins (L) and Rodney Weems (R)

Third Row: Russell Dart (L) and William Griffiths (R)

Bottom Row: Bill Sanders (L) and Ron Brown (R)

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
Friday, November 13, 2020

Texas Society



Sons of the American Revolution

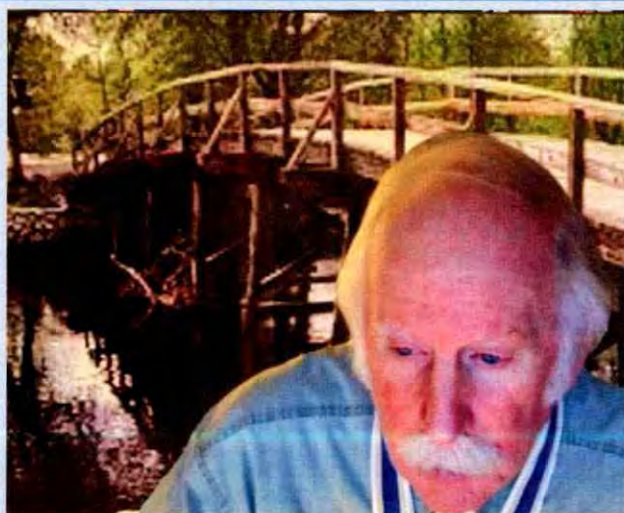
The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution invite national officers to attend via Zoom and speak.



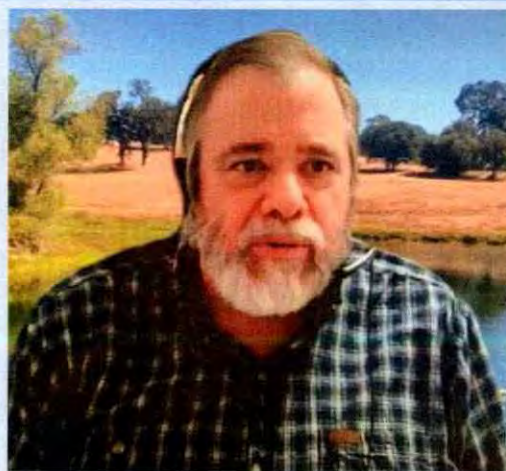
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Treasurer General Bruce Pickette



At the top of the Brass List is President General Jack Manning



John Dodd

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
Friday, November 13, 2020

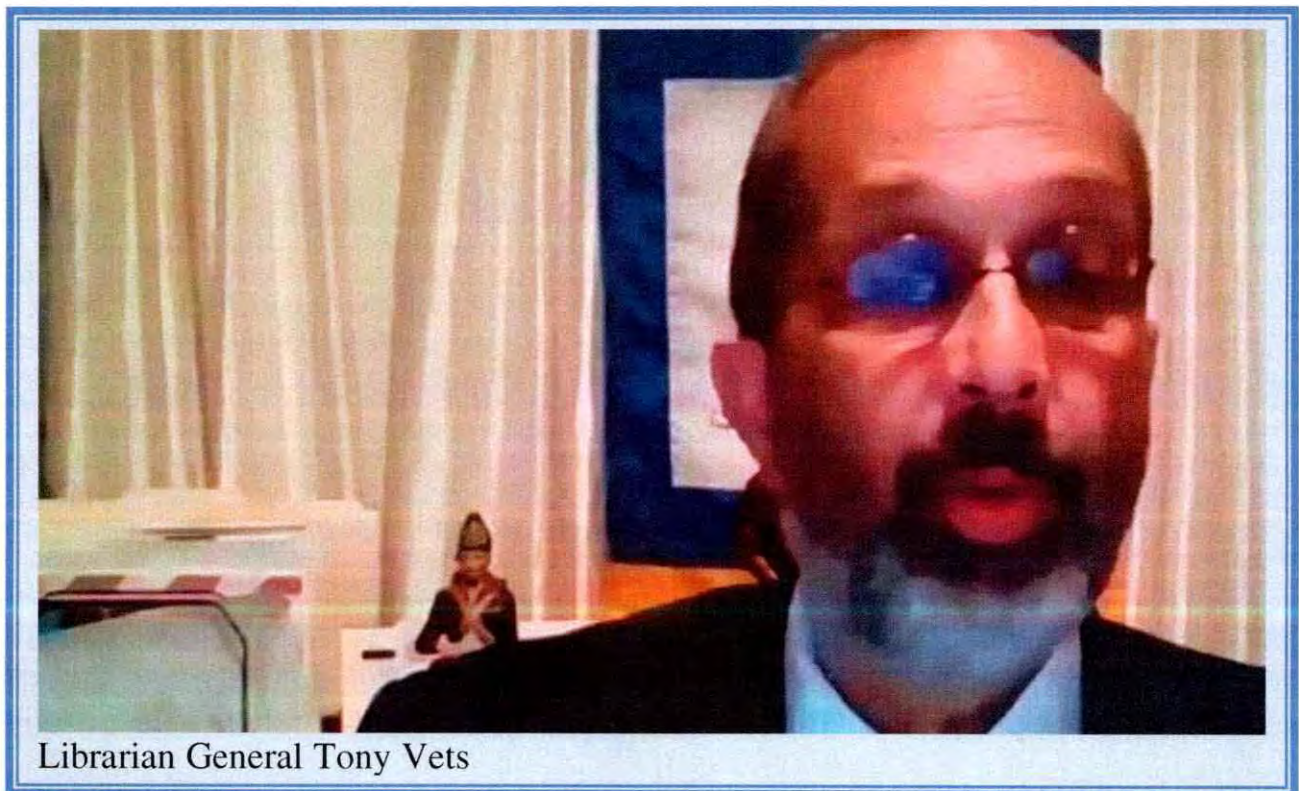


Jim Jones, Former VPG
SCD

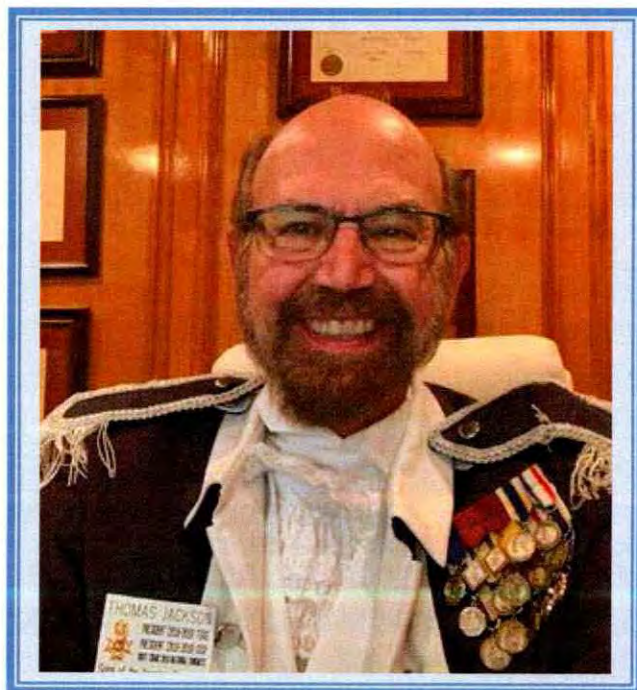
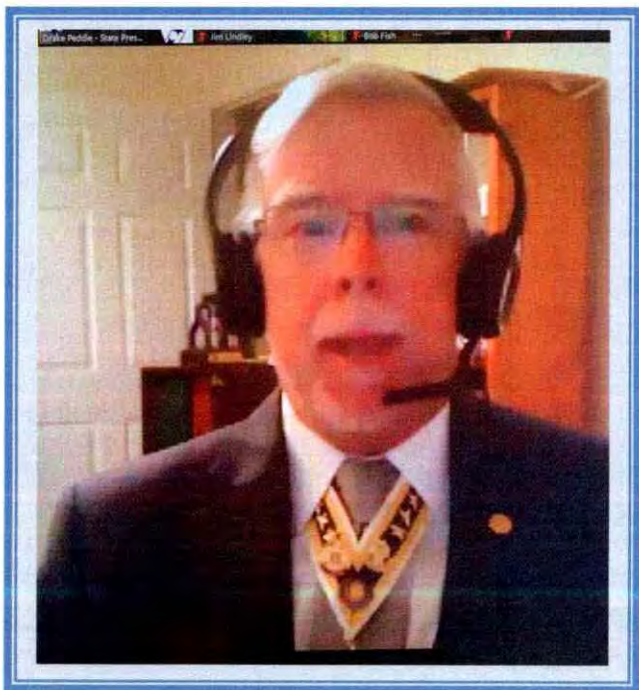
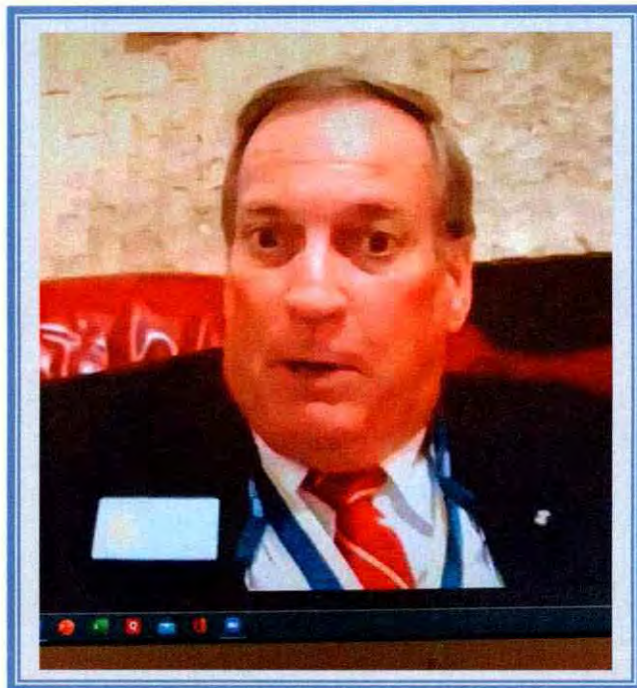
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**Paul Carrington
Chapter No. 5**

**Texas Society
Sons of the
American Revolution**



May 23, 2020

**Picos Restaurant
Houston, Texas**

Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Armed Forces Day Breakfast Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome

Allan M. Henshaw
President

Invocation

Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Chaplain

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Pledge to the Flag of the State of Texas

"Honor the Texas Flag: I pledge my allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Pledge to the SAR

"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021

Thomas I. Jackson
Past President, Texas Society, SAR

Introductions and Announcements

Richard Zdunkewicz
President

Breakfast



Introduction of Speaker

Richard Zdunkewicz
President

Speaker

Thomas I. Jackson
Past President, Texas Society, SAR

Induction of New Members

Closing Remarks

Richard Zdunkewicz
President

Recessional

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men."

Benediction

Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Chaplain



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**Paul Carrington
Chapter No. 5**

**Texas Society
Sons of the
American Revolution**



September 19, 2020

**Picos Restaurant
Houston, Texas**

Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Constitution Day Breakfast Meeting



Call to Order and Welcome

Richard Zdunkewicz
President

Invocation

Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Chaplain

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
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Pledge to the Flag of the State of Texas

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*The Chapter's Community Outreach Vision for the Year and
Announcing the Heritage Committee*

Speaker

Thomas I. Jackson
Past President, Texas Society, SAR

The Constitution

Closing Remarks

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Benediction

Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Chaplain



Texas Genealogical College

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Business

I. Ratify previous email votes

- a. Jan. 28, 2020: A full-page advertisement in the program ad section for Texas Society DAR for the 2020 State Conference at a cost not to exceed \$250.00
- b. Sep. 23, 2020: Board approval requested for 2 Bylaw updates
 - i. Remove requirement that the office of Chaplain be an ordained minister
 - ii. Add Electronic Meetings section to Article VII Meetings in TGC Bylaws

II. Approval for Expenses

- a. Ad for Texas Genealogical College in TXDAR State Conference Program - \$250.00
 - i. Reimbursement to Barbara Petrov
- b. Go Daddy Hosting for website – \$18.17 (for domain renewal) + \$126.35 (for Basic Website Renewal) = \$144.52
 - i. Reimbursement to Judge Ed Butler
- c. Table Throw for TGC – promotional tablecloth with TGC logo for events - \$150.00
 - i. Reimbursement to Barbara Petrov
- d. BBVA Bank Account - \$100.00 to open new account
 - i. Reimbursement to Barbara Petrov
- e. Pamela Wright Collections, LLC for Hall of Fame Insignia - \$566.00 (1 men's and 3 ladies HOF insignia)
- f. Pamela Wright Collections, LLC for shipping of Hall of Fame insignia to recipients - \$51.40
- g. Staples for certificate covers for Hall of Fame and Speakers - \$18.54
 - i. Reimbursement to Barbara Petrov
- h. Speedy Printing for 2020-2021 Directory - \$324.19 (same amount as last year)
- i. Postage – All directories and certificates (New Member, Diplomatic Fellow, Speaker) will need to be mailed via USPS after conference. Receipts will be submitted to Treasurer after mailing.
- j. Any additional expenses?

III. Annual Conference – Saturday, October 24, 2020

- a. Officer reports – Be brief. If you don't have a report, please say, "No report".
- b. Dress – Feel free to wear your insignia from any of your organizations.
- c. Gifts in honor of our speakers – Washington Family History/ genealogy series – donated to Clayton Library in Houston (since this is where the conference was supposed to take place.)
- d. Please coordinate with your successor regarding any TGC materials for your office

TGC: Motion after Nominating Committee Presents Slate

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020, 3:57 AM CDT

Hello Tom!

I hope you don't mind me asking you to help in another area of the meeting.

After the nominating committee presents the slate of officers, and we vote on the candidates, would you please make the following motion: (I will call on you)

Madam President, I move that the authorized signers for the BBVA bank account in the name of Texas Genealogical College be the incoming President for 2020-2021, Robert "Bob" C. Clark, and the incoming Treasurer for 2020-2021, Judy Ditmore.

Thank you for helping me with this little detail!

Barbara

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MARTHA



Texas Genealogical College
5th Annual Conference
Saturday, October 24, 2020
2020 Virtual Meeting Agenda

Thank you very much for attending our fifth annual conference of the Texas Genealogical College!
On behalf of the Executive Board, we hope you enjoy our speakers in the Morning Session, and all are
welcome to attend the Business Session.

The Afternoon Session involves Breakout Meetings of several of our Associate organizations.

The link to the Morning Session will open at 9:15 am,
presentations will begin at 9:30am.

★ **Morning Session:** Genealogical/ Society Presentations

9:30 am: "I Got My DNA Results, What Do I Do Now?" - Elizabeth Heise, Ph.D.

10:30 am: "Navigating the Cuban Papers Collection – A Clayton Library Treasure" – Anthony Startz

11:15 am: "Lineage Societies: A Not So Impartial Perspective" - Dr. Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., EdD

★ **Business Session:** 12:00 pm: Texas Genealogical College Meeting

- Opening Ceremony
- Introductions
- Society Leaders-Report on their organizations
- Officer Reports
- Proposed Bylaw Updates – Vote
- Hall of Fame – Class of 2020
- Nominating Committee – Presentation of 2020-2021 Slate of Officers
- Installation of 2020-2021 Texas Genealogical College Executive Board
- Closing Ceremony

★ **Afternoon Session:** Lineage Society Breakout Meetings – Open to All (Separate Zoom Links per Meeting)

1:00 – 2:00 pm: Descendants of American Farmers

2:00 – 3:00 pm: Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

3:00 – 4:00 pm: Sons of the Revolution

4:00 – 5:00 pm: Texas Society of Colonial Wars

5:00 – 6:00 pm: Order of Founder and Patriots

Elizabeth Ann Heise is a professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. In her free time, she researches genealogy. She started doing genealogy to prove to her niece that her family dated back to the Mayflower. She descends from Richard Warren through his daughter Mary. That challenge started years and years and miles and miles of research and travel.

Currently she is TXDAR State Applications Team member, Regent of the DuBois Hite Chapter NSDAR, State Co-Historian for the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Registrar of the Hill Country Chapter XXXVI Colonial Dames of America. In addition to DAR and Mayflower, she is a member of the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, the Baronial Order of Magna Charta, Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva, Colonial Dames of America, Descendants of Early Postmasters, Colonial Dames XXVII Century, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Society of the Dames of the Court of Honor, and Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars.

She has proven that she descends from 7 patriots in the Revolutionary War. She has assisted well over 100 members with documenting their lineages to join DAR and over 100 members join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Presentation: "I Got my DNA Results, What Do I Do Now?"

LWV—CY—FAIR HONORS ‘LAKES4LIVES’ FOR ENCOURAGING VOTING

November 12, 2020



League of Women Voters of Cy-Fair president Marlene Lobberecht, left, presents Cypress Lakes High School senior and Lakes4Lives president Kathleen Hoang a certificate of recognition for the organization's get out the vote efforts within the Cypress Lakes community during a ceremony on Nov. 4.

Nov. 12, 2020—Students from Cypress Lakes High School's Lakes4Lives club were honored by the League of Women Voters of Cy-Fair (LWV—Cy-Fair) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) on Nov. 4 for helping promote voter participation ahead of the 2020 general election.

Lakes4Lives is a civic-engagement activism club lead by Cypress Lakes senior and Lakes4Lives president **Kathleen Hoang**. Hoang, along with Cypress Lakes seniors **Ashley Gomez** and **Jocelyn Gonzalez**, junior **Sharon Olaifa**, sophomore **Paula Perez**, and other Lakes4Lives students reached out to LWV—Cy-Fair to help provide adequate voter information within the Cypress Lakes community. During major election cycles, the Texas League of Women Voters offers local leagues grants for innovative ways to promote voter participation. This is the first time a local league has partnered with a high school organization for an election project.

"We applied for and received a Texas League of Women Voters grant to create 10 magnetic signs for vehicles, 100 posters in English and Spanish for businesses and other areas, and 60 yard signs for apartment complexes, all with identical information," said Marlene Lobberecht, LWV—Cy-Fair president. "Lakes4Lives' specific project was providing election information through signage."



Lakes4Lives' main project with LWV—Cy-Fair was to place voting information signs, above, across the Cypress Lakes community. Lakes4Lives students placed signs in 38 local businesses.

Students identified 38 business locations around the Cypress Lakes community to place voter information signs.

"We realized that the most important thing was to get voters out to the polls," Hoang said. "We wanted to collaborate with LWV—Cy—Fair because we knew they had a larger network and resources to help with what we wanted to do."

LWV—Cy—Fair was particularly eager to work with Lakes4Lives because Texans ages 18–24 are becoming a large group of voters within the state. By the end of early voting, 1.3 million Texans under the age of 30 had cast their ballot, surpassing the total votes cast by the same age group in 2016.



Tom Jackson, CFISD Board member and active member of both LWV—Cy—Fair and the Sons of the American Revolution, recognized Lakes4Lives students, like senior Jocelyn Gonzalez, for their efforts to help promote voter participation ahead of the 2020 general election.

CFISD Board member Tom Jackson is an active member of LWV—Cy—Fair and was invited by Lobberecht to help honor the students. Jackson, also an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, wanted to also recognize the students through SAR for their community engagement. Jackson also underwrote student membership to LWV—Cy—Fair for active Lakes4Lives members.

During the ceremony, students were given certificates of appreciation from LWV—Cy—Fair and SAR.

"It was a privilege to work with Lakes4Lives and to help underwrite an activity with them," Lobberecht said. "We wanted to acknowledge students participating in positive, organized civic engagement because studies show that the motivation to be an active voter and engaged community participant originates during their late teens. Involving young adults in positive civic engagement is very important in improving citizen participation within our community and their voice within the democratic process."

[Visit the LWV—Cy—Fair website for more information.](#)

Compatriots,

There are recognitions at the Chapter level. We have certificates for one year of service and medals for two or three years of service. This is best accomplished by self-reporting. A brief summary of these follow:

Certificates only

1. Robert Morris Certificate – this is for contributions of \$25 or more to the Robert Rankin Chapter, Texas SAR, National SAR, CAR Society, and/or DAR Society.
2. Patrick Henry Certificate – this is to recognize those who made at least one presentation to an outside group and/or two or more presentations to the Robert Rankin Chapter.
3. George Washington Certificate of Appreciation – this is for serving for one year as an officer.
4. Samuel Adams Certificate of Appreciation – this is for serving on an active committee. This would involve youth contest, such as judging oratory or brochures or making a JROTC medal presentation.
5. Colorguard Certificate of Appreciation – this is for wearing your uniform once or more during the past year.
6. Thomas Paine Certificate of Appreciation – did you write and submit at least one article for publication at the state or national level or in some other publication. Did you assist with the annual yearbook by submitting photos with description?
7. Flag Certificate – do you properly display the American flag at your residence or place of business.
8. Distinguished Service Certificate – this is for very significant service to the chapter and can only be awarded by the chapter president.

Medals and Certificates, Medals are described in Volume V of the SAR manual.

1. # Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, the chapter president will award one of these each year. The recipient cannot have received this medal before. This is the highest recognition that can be given at the chapter level, and in order of precedence once of the highest overall.

2. # Roger Sherman Chapter Service Medal, this is the second highest medal at the chapter level. The National SAR has decided that the recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years.

3. # Bronze Good Citizenship, ***Compatriot Presentation Requirements:*** A Compatriot may be awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal if either (1) he has served, subject to the restriction described immediately below, in at least four of the leadership capacities covered under the Silver Good Citizenship Medal (see above), or (2) he qualifies by some other outstanding achievement in his community. Subsequent awards must be for different service than the service used for prior awards. ***SAR Service Restriction:*** The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is **not** used to recognize service to the SAR.

5. # Meritorious Service (MSM), The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their chapter. The

meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation. ***Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized:*** A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a chapter. 0

6. # War Service

7. # Military Service

8. # Heroism/Fire/EMS/Law

9. # Chapter Service Medal, Same as for the Roger Sherman Medal.

11. # Bronze Color Guard Medal, The Bronze Color Guard Medal is for service at the State and/or Chapter levels. Each medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level. To earn an SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled Color Guard activities for his State and/or Chapter in each of three years, which do not need to be continuous.

12. # Other SAR Medals (Vets, CAR, BSA, etc.) 0

B. Certificates awarded to SAR members

1. # Certificate of Distinguished Service, This certificate is to recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals. It may be awarded on the national, district, state society or chapter levels.

2. # Former Chapter President Certificate

3. # Certificates of Appreciation. See Above.

4. # Outstanding Citizenship Certificates: The multipurpose certificate, authorized in 1989, may be used at the discretion of NSSAR, society or chapter making the presentation. One specific use is to present this certificate in lieu of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to school students when there are budgetary constraints on the awarding organization, due to the number that are awarded on a state-wide basis. It can also be presented to deserving citizens on appropriate occasions and to SAR members when they do not meet the requirements that are required for a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

5. # Other Certificates not presented with Medals

Distinguished Service Medal Presented:

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

Bobby R. Smith

Pres Mistrot

2014

Allen Greene

Pres Richardson

2013

Fred M. Jackson, Jr.

Pres Kerr

2013

Thomas Ashley Jackson

Pres Jackson

2013

Thomas Ingle Jackson

Pres McBride

2013

Gustave Mistrot

Pres Tanner

2010

Edwin Raines

Pres Shanks

2010

Raymond Cox

Pres Raines

2010

Allan Henshaw

Pres Raines

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Thomas I. Jackson

Dear Tom,

I know you are very interested in Spain's role in the American Revolution. The publisher sent me a couple of extra copies, so enclosed please find a copy of *Spain and the American Revolution: New Approaches and Perspectives*. This book is based on the papers presented at the 2018 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. As with other books that have been published based on the papers presented at other SAR Annual Conferences, *Spain and the American Revolution* has been peer-reviewed.

I think you also know that each SAR Annual Conference is dedicated to an historian. Other books that have been published based on other SAR Annual Conferences have been dedicated to the same historian to whom the conference was dedicated. I am embarrassed to say that the enclosed book is dedicated to me – I'm embarrassed, but I am also grateful and humbled. I'd asked Gabe Paquette and Gonzalo Quintero not to do this. I'd asked them to dedicate the book to Sylvia Hilton and David Armitage – the historians to whom the underlying conference was dedicated. But Gabe and Gonzalo proceeded to dedicate the book to me. I wish they hadn't, but I am grateful for their kindness and their friendship.

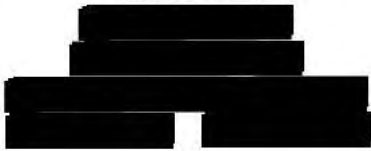
I have been careful how I circulate this book. I do not want to hurt Ed Butler's feelings or to be perceived as showing him up. I am not competing with Ed. His book, I think, might fall into the category of popular history, while the enclosed book is a serious academic examination of Spain's role in the American Revolution.

I am particularly happy that on pages xii-xiii, so many things the SAR has done to honor Spain's contribution to the Revolution are listed. I gave this information to Gabe and Gonzalo, and I am so glad they included it in the book.

I hope you enjoy this book.


Sincerely,

Tom Jackson



February 4, 2020

Joseph W. Dooley
President General



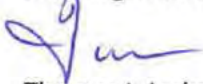
Dear Joe,

Thank you for sending me the book entitled *Spain and the American Revolution: New Approaches and Perspectives*. I did notice that the book was dedicated to you and well that it should be. One of the fun things about our organization is that we are encouraged to say thank you to people for their service to our country and, also, to our history. Your symposium adds credibility to our organization.

Although I have not yet read the book, I have scanned and permitted my mind to capture sentences and paragraphs of interest. I must say that I am delighted with the writing and touched that you would think of me to send a copy. This book and that of Judge Butler's are neither at cross purposes nor in competition with each other. Ed's book is meant to tell a story and it is perfect for the casual reader. The symposium book is meant for the student of history to gain a deeper understanding.

Several tangential points that I would share with you, my second cousin is using our shared lineage and additional research to obtain a Spanish (EU) passport claiming direct descent from the Spanish Sephardic Jews. Her DNA is supportive, while mine is not. I continue to work with Texas Spanish Taskforce Chairman and Lady Washington Regent Mary Anthony Startz toward having Juana Maria de Hoyos y Hernandez recognized by the DAR. Sadly, I have encountered few Hispanic males with an interest in joining our organization. The Texas Board of Education removed Galvez as a person required to be studied as part of the section on the American Revolution, despite 55% of our schoolchildren being Hispanic.

With highest regards,



Thomas I. Jackson
President (2018-2019) Texas SAR
President (2018-2019) National SAR Council of State Presidents
Trustee (2011-2023) Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

Tom Jackson

January 31, 2020

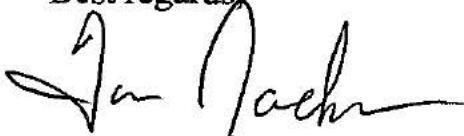
David Temple
President (2019-2020) Texas SAR

President Temple,

Enclosed please find Silver Good Citizenship certificates for F. Carrington Weems, Lt. Col. Porfirio Muñoz Jr., and SMSgt James L. Core III. You have approved and authorized each of these. I enclose them for your signature. I need these back by **February 10, 2020** for presentation.

I am sending these to you for your signature as Secretary Clements has not had time to respond to the two military instructors. You approved these last fall and my most recent follow up in January has not been effective. If I have approval to sign for the Secretary, please indicate. Otherwise, please forward these to the Secretary with our request of receipt by February 10th.

Best regards,



Tom Jackson
President (2018-2019) Texas SAR
President (2019-2019) National SAR Council of State Presidents

Tom,
Received and signed. Go ahead
and sign in the other space.
Keep them moving.
Great choices! Advice