



Robert Rankin Chapter # 62

2020 Yearbook

Historians

H. Allen Greene & Thomas I. Jackson

Book 2 of 2

Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Meetings: Chapter, State, National



*Meeting of the First Continental Congress
from an historic French engraving.*

*Americans have been meeting since 1774, and even before,
in the cause or commemoration of Freedom.
And, Patriots are still meeting today.*

January



The painting above, *George Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge* was painted by John Ward Dunsmore, and was published 1907. Dunsmore is known for his realistic paintings of the American Revolutionary era.

The largest collection of Dunsmore's art is at the Fraunces Tavern Museum. The Tavern, built in 1719, is best known as the site where Washington gave his farewell address to the officers of the Continental Army. It was originally built for the merchant Stephan Delancey as an elegant residence. Tavern-keeper Samuel Fraunces purchased the house in 1762 and converted it into a most popular tavern. When the country's first capital was located in New York City the building was used to Departments of War, Treasury and Foreign Affairs.

In 1904, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York purchased the tavern and hired preservation architect William Mersereau to return the building to its colonial appearance. Fraunces Tavern® Museum opened to the public in 1907.

(The image was captured at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Washington_and_Lafayette_at_Valley_Forge.jpg.)

January meeting

January 8, 2020



Compatriot Allen Greene, seated next to his wife Linda at the front table. To their left is Rankin Secretary Michael Bierman who is seated in front of Bernice Bierman. To the right and behind Allen is Judy Zachmeyer and her husband David just out of the picture.

*Robert Rankin, Texas SAR
Spring Creek Barbecue
January Highlights*

- ❖ We welcomed several guests and a prospective new member
- ❖ Jennie Muggli of the John Everett DAR Chapter was presented with an award
- ❖ As our guest speaker, Compatriot Tom Jackson presented "The Lion in Winter: George Washington and the Battles of Trenton & Princeton"
- ❖ President Bruce McMordie complimented Tom's presentation with This Day in History "American victory at the Battle of Princeton"



**ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER #62, TXSSAR
CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING**

Wednesday January 8, 2020

Social Time - 6:00 pm, Business - 6:30 pm.

Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy FWY, Katy, TX 77449

Phone: (281)829-0359

DINNER: Go through the serving line, get your dinner and pay for it and compatriots please put \$2.00 per person in our speaker funds box.

INVOCATION

PLEDGES:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

"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."

Texas Pledge

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

SAR Creed

"We, the 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."

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President, Bruce McMordie

AWARDS PRESENTATION: President, Bruce McMordie

PLANNING DISCUSSION: President, Bruce McMordie

SPEAKER: President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

"The Lion in Winter: George Washington and the Battles of Trenton & Princeton"



THIS DAY IN HISTORY: President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

SAR Recessional

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

BENEDICTION

MEETING ADJORNED: President, Bruce McMordie



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Planning Meeting



January 8, 2020

The meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (2), Educational(0), and Patriotic (0). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 23 were present including 15 Compatriots and 8 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Allen Greene and Tom Jackson

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Allen Greene.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Bruce McMordie spoke about Battle of Princeton 1777.

Historical Presentation: Compatriot Tom Jackson spoke about "The Lion in Winter: George Washington and the Battles of Trenton & Princeton."

Patriotic Presentation: None.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Allen Greene. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *January 21, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Planning Meeting



January 8, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (10):

Michael Bierman
Jerry Clanton
Christopher Courter
Daniel Frost Sr
Daniel Frost Jr
Thomas Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Ralph Reed
Glen Strey
Phil Whitley

Guests(3):

Bernice Mistrot
Kevin Strange
Nelma Strey

Compatriots with spouses present (5):

Allen & Linda Greene
Fred & Brenda Jackson
Jack & Jennie Muggli
Bill & Linda Sorrells
David & Judy Zachmeyer

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Martha Washington Award:

Jennie Muggli.

January meeting

January 8, 2020



Robert Rankin Chapter President Bruce McMordie calls the meeting to order. Later in the meeting, Bruce gives This Day in History, which focuses on the Second Battle of Trenton and the victory at Princeton.



Front table: Linda & Allen Greene.

Middle row of tables (L-R): Brenda Jacksons & Gary Mosmeyer, Judy Zachmeyer and her husband David, & Billy Sorral.

Back row of tables (L-R): Norman & Velma Strey & then Jennie & Jack Mugglie.

Last row of tables: Kevin Strange, Dr. Frost and his son Daniel.

January meeting

January 8, 2020



Former Chapter President Allen Greene, as acting Chaplain, gives the invocation.



In the audience, we have MIT Professor Dr. Frost (in the green shirt) and his son Daniel (standing), both of whom are Compatriots.

January meeting

January 8, 2020



We recognize Jennie Muggli with an oak leaf cluster to the Martha Washington Medal for her tremendous service in helping interested men to become members of the SAR. Last year she helped over **50** men become members. From L-R: Compatriots Billy Sorral & Tom Jackson, Jennie Muggi, Chapter President Bruce McMordie, and Compatriot Allen Greene.



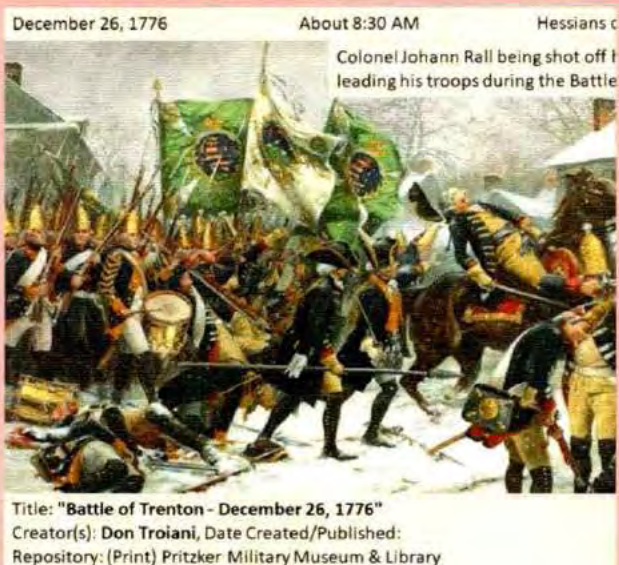
Prospective new member Kevin Strange, posing with Jennie Muggli of the John Everett Texas Society of DAR, met with Compatriot Tom Jackson earlier in the day to work on his SAR application; he should be a shoo-in.

January meeting

January 8, 2020



Compatriot Tom Jackson is the speaker since William Bozic won't drive hundreds of miles from Louisiana for the meeting. The presentation is entitled "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and is on the First Battle of Trenton.



Bernice Mistrot, a descendant of Hessian soldiers stationed in America, stands next to the Hesse-Kassel flag.

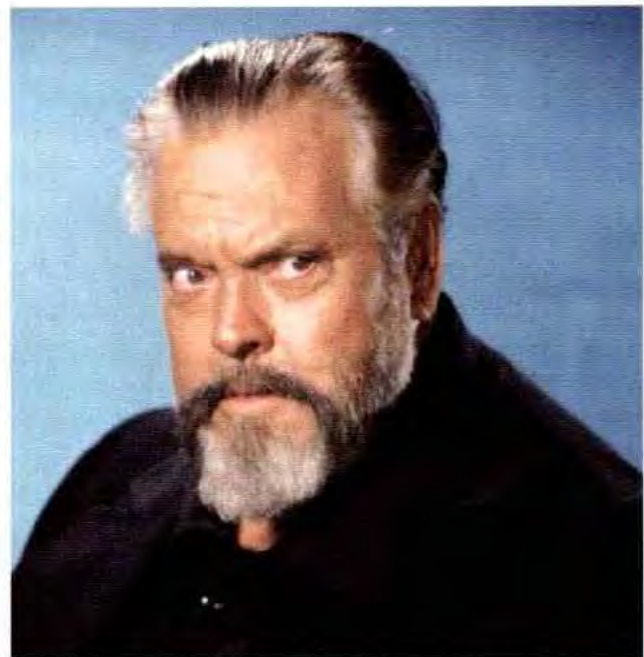
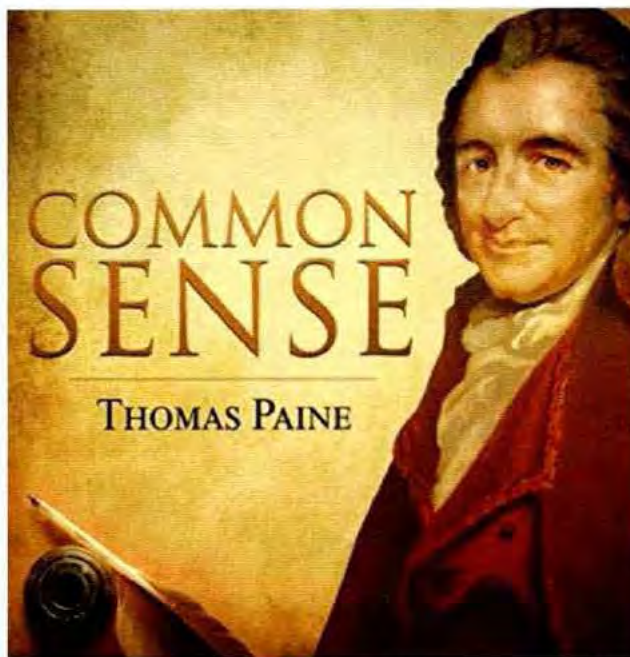
January meeting

January 8, 2020

Thomas Paine The American Crisis, December 23, 1776 (by Orson Welles)

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated.

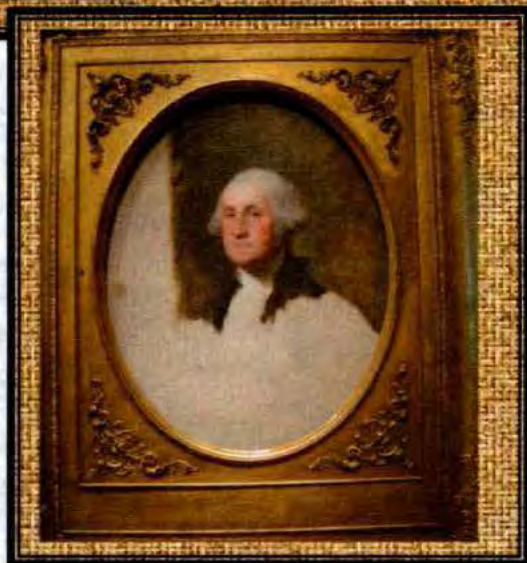


The presentation is entitled "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and is on the First Battle of Trenton. For fun, Tom added riffs of the music by The Tokens but the home run is the stentorian voice of Orson Wells as he reads "American Crisis" by Thomas Paine.

Did you know that Paine was the equivalent of an embedded reporter? He wrote this in early December, published December 19th, and read to the troops on December 23rd, 1776. The crossing of the Delaware started just before midnight on Christmas Day; Washington and his troops arrived at 8:00 the next morning being harassed by a driving snowstorm.

It was a complete victory over the Hessian troops!

February



Images of George Washington

The photographs above were taken by T. Jackson at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. At the top left is *The Passage of the Delaware* painted in 1819 by Thomas Sully. Sully, 1783–1872, was an American (born in England). On the right is an oil on canvas portrait of *George Washington at Dorchester Heights* by Gilbert Stuart. Directly above is perhaps the most famous of the Washington portraits, also by Stuart.

February Meeting

February 12, 2020



Seated in the foreground is Mrs. Hagler. Going around the room from left to right: Allen Greene (with his back to the camera) is talking with Bernice Mistrot, Alex Thorne & Allan Perkins. In uniform is Bobby Smith seated next to Dr. Frost. At the back table, Brenda Jackson (with her back to the camera) talking to Billy Sorrels. David Zachmeyer is talking with his hands!

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Spring Creek Barbecue George Washington's Day Celebration February Highlights

- ❖ Our main speaker is JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST Winner, Noah Hagler. His oration is "Iron Will: The Story of Samuel Whittemore"
- ❖ Immediate Past President Allen Greene presents "Washington's Birthday" for This Day in History.
- ❖ Our Medals Presentation includes recognition of the Robert Rankin Chapter, as well as recognition for members Ralph Reed and Billy Sorrells
- ❖ Compatriot Greene introduces a new feature to our meetings - Flags over the United States. Both he and Compatriot Tom Jackson present.



**ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER #62, TXSSAR
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Wednesday February 12, 2020

Social Time - 6:00 pm, Business - 6:30 pm.

Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy FWY, Katy, TX 77449

Phone: (281)829-0359

DINNER: Go through the serving line, get your dinner and pay for it and compatriots please put \$2.00 per person in our speaker funds box.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

PLEDGES:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

"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."

Texas Pledge

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

SAR Creed

"We, the 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."

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President, Bruce McMordie

SPEAKER: JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST Winner, Noah Hagler
"Iron Will: The Story of Samuel Whittemore"

MEDALS PRESENTATION: President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

MILITARY SERVICE

Ralph Reed and Billy Sorrells

WAR SERVICE

Ralph Reed



THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Immediate Past President, Allen Greene
"Washington's Birthday"

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:
Immediate Past President, Allen Greene

CALL FOR CHAPTER RECOGNITION BY THE AWARD OF MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES:
President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

SAR Recessional

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

BENEDICTION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

MEETING ADJORNED: President, Bruce McMordie



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Annual Meeting

George Washington's Day

Celebration



February 12, 2020

The meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (4), Educational(0), and Patriotic (0). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 24 were present including 15 Compatriots and 9 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Bobby Smith, and Bill Sorrells.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Allen Greene did a presentation on "Washington's Birthday".

Historical: Noah Hagler, the Robert Rankin's Joseph S. RUMBAUGH HISTORIAL ORATION CONTEST Winner, did an excellent presentation on "Iron Will: The Story of Samuel Whittemore".

Allen Greene gave an informative talk on the Bennington Flag. Tom Jackson gave an informative speech on the An Appeal To Heaven Flag.

Patriotic Presentation: None

Compatriot Allen Greene led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Allen Greene adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *February 19, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Annual Meeting George Washington's Day Celebration



February 12, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (10):

Michael Bierman
Jerry Clanton
Christopher Courter
Daniel Frost
Tom Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Allan Perkins
Ralph Reed
Bobby Smith
Alex Thorne

Guests(4):

Geri Hagler
Noah Hagler
Bernice Mistrot
Richard Wimbish

Compatriots with spouses present (10):

Allen & Linda Greene
Phillip & Marguerite Guthridge
Fred & Brenda
Bill & Linda Sorrells
David & Judy Zachmeyer

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL: Ralph Reed, and Bill Sorrells.

WAR SERVICE MEDAL: Ralph Reed

February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Main Speaker



The speaker for the evening is the Rankin Oration Contest winner, Noah Hagler. His oration is "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. As the British soldiers retreated from the Battles of Lexington and Concord, they shot the Whittemore in the face, bayoneted him at least six times, and clubbed him. But a doctor patched up Samuel Whittemore and the 78-year-old lived. For another 18 years!



February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Allen Greene (R) gives a presentation on interesting George Washington facts. Some of these were:

Washington was born on February 22, 1732, under the old style Julian calendar. ...His choppers weren't chopped from wood, but were from ivory.

Maybe that is why he was a man of few words!He repeatedly Defied Death.



Compatriot Tom Jackson (L) presents to President Bruce McMordie National certificates for participation in Wreaths Across America, as well as Partners in Patriotism. These are for the 2018-2019 time period. The PIP program encourages chapters to participate with military-based organizations, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Purple Heart organization to name a few. The Wreaths Across America program at Woodland Cemetery always includes the Katy VFW post.

February Meeting

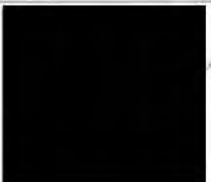
February 12, 2020

What is the Bill of Rights?

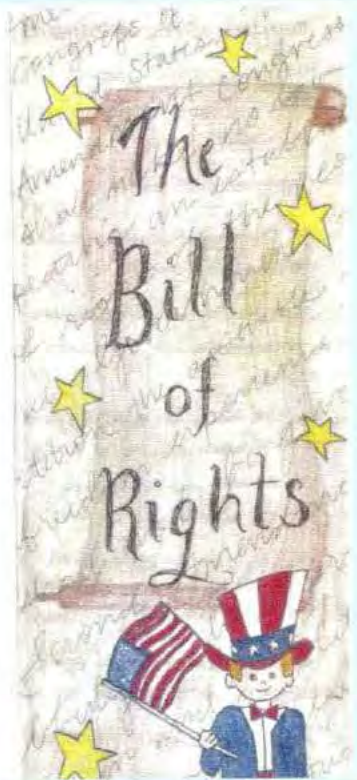
The Bill of Rights are the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. They were influenced by other documents such as the Magna Carta and the Virginia Declaration of Rights to ensure certain rights to American citizens and people. James Madison, one of our Founding Fathers, wrote 12 amendments to be ratified in 1789. On December 15, 1791, ten of them were passed by Congress and are known today as the Bill of Rights.

FUN FACTS


1. The Bill of Rights is on display in Washington DC, National Archives.
2. It ratifies the Constitution's 5th rights.




Student Information




AMERICAN REVOLUTION EVENTS




Revolutionary War



Revolutionary War



Revolutionary War



Revolutionary War

GIRL POWER

The Robert Rankin Chapter announces the winners for the poster contest and the brochure contest. The poster contest is intended for elementary students, while the brochure contest is meant for middle school students. The brochure contest is done in cooperation with Pin Oak Middle School and the teacher selects the best 40 brochures out of approximately 150. These then are randomly assigned to four chapters: Freedom, Paul Carrington, Alexander Hodge, and Robert Rankin. The poster contest winner is Morgan Wolter. Kate Jeong was the First Place Winner of the brochure contest.

February Meeting

February 12, 2020



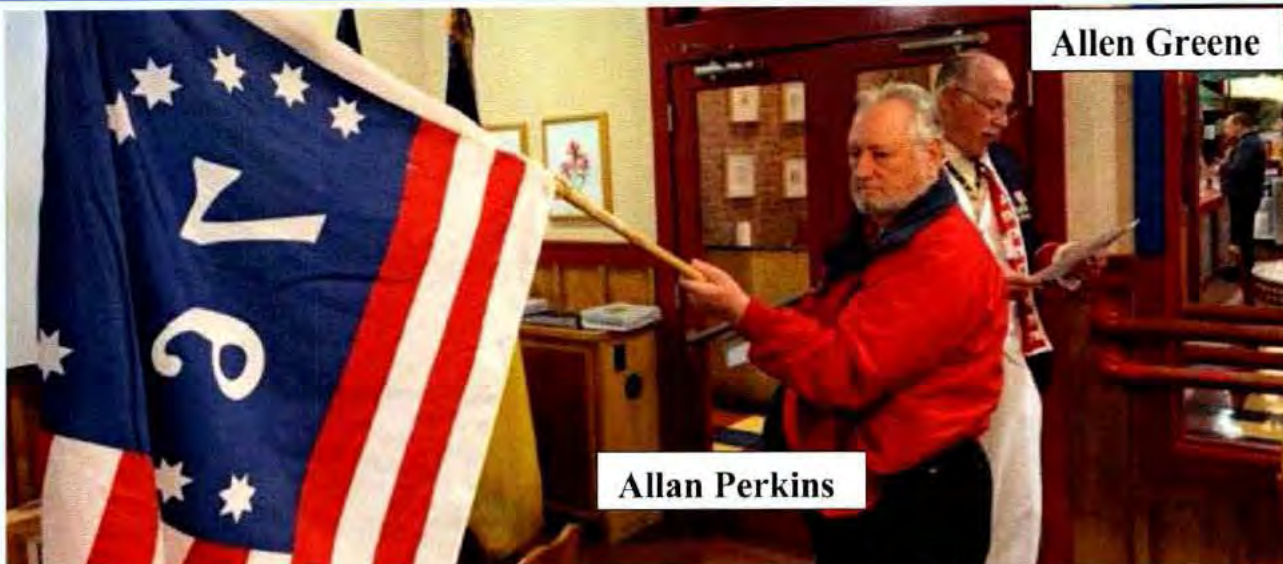
Top: Rankin Chapter President Bruce McMordie (L) presents the Military Service Certificate and Medals and the War Service Certificate and Medals to Ralph Reed (R).

Bottom: President McMordie (L) also presents the Military Service Certificate and Medals to Billy Sorrells (R).



February Meeting

February 12, 2020



Allan Greene has started a new feature talking about Flags over the United States. He picks the Bennington which features a large '76' in the canton and its stars have seven points each! One legend claims that the original Bennington flag was carried off the field by Nathaniel Fillmore and passed down through the Fillmore family, and was, at one time, in the possession of President Millard Fillmore, Nathaniel's grandson. This is largely discounted as the flag material dates to a much later time, but still it makes for a good tale!



Tom Jackson talks about "An Appeal to Heaven." This Flag was designed by George Washington for use on a squadron of six cruisers, acquired using the wealth of his wife Martha. The pine tree represents the fact that they were used for the masts of the great sailing ships of the time. The slogan "An Appeal to Heaven" is forceful and represents a call to action couched in the words of John Locke. Locke's "Second Treatise of Government," "...where the body of the people, ... is deprived of their right... and have no appeal on earth, then they have a liberty to appeal to heaven, whenever they judge the cause of sufficient moment.

February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Allen Greene, in his capacity as the Immediate Past President of the Robert Rankin Chapter, is in charge of pulling together a slate of officers and soliciting committee chairman for the incoming president. The current officers are as follows:

Robert Rankin Chapter 2019 Officers

President: Bruce McMordie

Vice-President: Tom Jackson

Secretary: Michael Bierman

Treasurer: Alex Thorne

Historian: Tom Jackson and
Allen Greene

Registrar: Tom Jackson

Genealogist: Jack Muggli

Sgt. At Arms: Jerry Clanton

Chaplain: Alex Thorne



February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Out and About – Allen Perkins Military Order of the Cootie Feb. 16th



Pup Tent 11, Grand of Texas, Military Order of the Cootie. Compatriot Allan Perkins spent the day at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. They gave a wide variety gifts of to each of 150 patients. They also gave 20 bags with snacks, toiletries, puzzle books and more to the emergency room for patients waiting for care.



Compatriot Allan Perkins helps with the sorting.



Afterward, debriefing over a meal.

February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Out and About - Silver Good Citizenship Medal February 12th



Compatriot Tom Jackson (in the top photo, left) is invited to the faculty meeting at Cypress Ridge High School to present a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to SMSgt James Core (top photo, right) for outstanding service to the campus, the community, and the state. He was recognized for being named Aerospace Science Instructor of the Year by the Department of the Air Force Air University. SMSgt Core has a total of 21 years in education, seven of them in CFISD; and was named to the CFISD Wall of Fame in 2019-2020.



February Meeting

February 12, 2020

Out and About - JROTC Cy Ridge Military Banquet February 14th

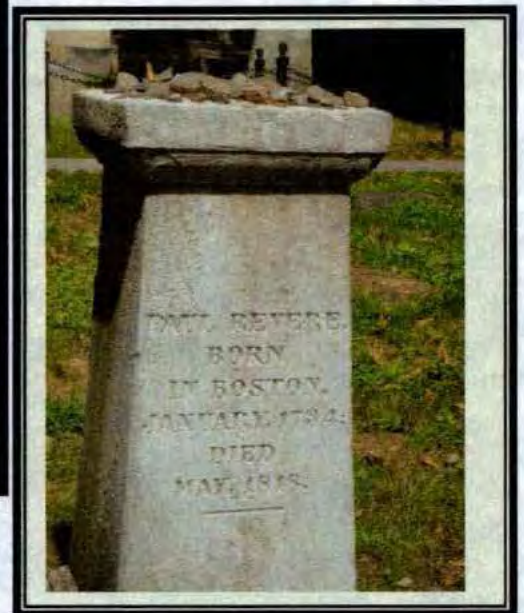
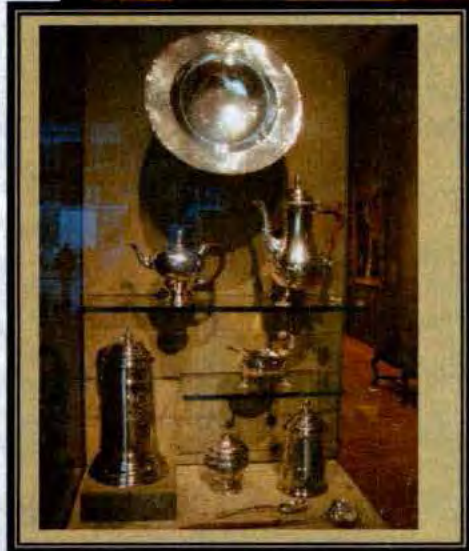
Compatriot Tom Jackson (center) attended the JROTC Cy Ridge Military Banquet. The JROTC is led by Lt Col Haider Khan, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (R) and SMSgt James Core, Aerospace Science Instructor (L). Their Mission Statement: "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."



In the photo above is Ken Pridgeon & Carolyn Spillane. 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 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.

March



Images of Paul Revere

- The painting of Paul Revere in the top left is by John Singleton Copley and hangs in the Boston Musuem.
- The silver artifacts at the left were hand crafted by Revere are an exhibit in the Boston musuem as well.
- In the top right is a photograph of the house of Paul Revere.
- Below the photograph of the house of Revere is a tombstone for him which is located in the "Old Burying Grounds" of Boston.
- The photographs were taken by T. Jackson.



(L-R) Alex Thorne, Allen Greene, Bruce McMordie, Michael Bierman, and Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim Kuykendall.

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Willow Fork Country Club March Highlights

- ❖ New Member Induction of Mark Russell
- ❖ The Ancestor Presentation was given by new member Mark Russell on his ancestor Captain Stephen Lane
- ❖ Compatriot Bruce McMordie marked the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre for This Day in History
- ❖ Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim Kuykendall presided over the installation of the 2020 Robert Rankin Chapter Officers



**ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER #62, TXSSAR
ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS**

Wednesday March 11, 2020

Social Time - 6:00 pm, Business - 6:30 pm.

Willow Fork Country Club, 21005 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX 77450

Phone: (281)579-6262

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

PLEDGES:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

**"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."**

Texas Pledge

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

SAR Creed

**"We, the 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."**

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President, Bruce McMordie

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION, Mark Russell: President, Bruce McMordie

ANCESTOR PRESENTATION: Mark Russell

"Fourth Great Grandfather Captain Stephen Lane (1719-1790) of Killingworth, Connecticut"

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: The Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary on March 5, 2020

INSTALLATION of Robert Rankin 2020 OFFICERS: Jim Kuykendall, Texas SAR Staff Secretary

President: Bruce McMordie
Vice President: Chris Courter
Secretary: Michael Bierman

Treasurer: Alex Thorne
Historian: Allen Greene & Tom Jackson
Registrar: Tom Jackson

Genealogist: Jack Muggli
Sgt. at Arms: Jerry Clanton
Chaplain: Alex Thorne



AWARDS PRESENTATION: President, Bruce McMordie

GEORGE WASHINGTON CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Michael Bierman, Jerry Clanton, Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Jack Muggli, Alex Thorne

ABIGAIL ADAMS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Linda Greene, Brenda Jackson, Bernice Mistrot, Jennie Muggli, Nita Smith, Linda Sorrells, Nelma Strey, Judy Zachmeyer

PATRICK HENRY CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Michael Bierman, William Bozic, Jerry Clanton, Allen Greene, Fred Jackson, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Bernice Mistrot, Ed Raines, Ralph Reed, Ed Semler, Alex Thorne, Marti Thorne

SAMUEL ADAMS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Michael Bierman, Jerry Clanton, Chris Courter, Allen Greene, Fred Jackson, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Allan Perkins, Bobby Smith, Billy Sorrells

THOMAS PAINE CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

William Bozic, Ray Cox, Allen Greene, Linda Greene, Tom Jackson

ROBERT MORRIS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bernice Mistrot

COLOR GUARD CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS:

Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Ed Raines, Bobby Smith, Billy Sorrells

ROGER SHERMAN MEDALS:

Michael Bierman, Alex Thorne

SAR RECEPTIONAL:

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

BENEDICTION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

MEETING ADJORNED: President, Bruce McMordie



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting



March 11, 2020

The meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (1), Educational (0), and Patriotic (1). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 21 were present including 11 Compatriots and 10 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, Bruce McMordie, Bill Sorrells and Alex Thorne.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

Jim Kuykendall inducted new member Mark Russell.

The following motion was passed in the open chapter meeting after being duly made and seconded: Resolved that the officer slate be elected as presented including Bruce McMordie as President, Chris Courter as Vice President, Michael Bierman as Secretary, Alex Thorne as Treasurer and Chaplain, Tom Jackson and Allen Greene as Historian, Tom Jackson as Registrar, Jack Muggli as Genealogist, and Jerry Clanton as Sargent at Arms and further resolved that these officers are directed to complete all required bank documents and state society documents. The officers were inducted by Jim Kuykendall.

This Day in History: Compatriot Bruce McMordie spoke about The 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre.

Ancestor Presentation: New member Mark Russell gave a speak about his ancestor, Stephen Lane, "Fourth Great Grandfather Captain Stephen Lane (1719-1790) of Killingworth, Connecticut."

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *March 30, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Minutes of Color Guard Meeting



March 11, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (6):

Michael Bierman
Bruce McMordie
Ralph Reed
Bill Sorrells
Alex Thorne
Phil Whitley

Compatriots with spouses present (10):

Allen & Linda Greene
Fred & Brenda Jackson
Theron & Olga McLaren (DAR)
David & Judy Zachmeyer
Mark & Leanis Russell

Guests (5):

David Frost – Carrington Chapter
Daniel Frost – Carrington Chapter
Jim Kuykendall – Freedom Chapter
Bernice Mistrot
Mel Oller – Freedom Chapter

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Certificate of Achievement Award:
David Frost

George Washington Certificate of Appreciation:

Michael Bierman, Jerry Clanton, Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Jack Muggli, and Alex Thorne.

Abigail Adams Certificate of Appreciation:

Linda Greene, Brenda Jackson, Bernice Mistrot, Jennie Muggle, Nita Smith, Linda Sorrells, Nelma Strey, and Judy Zachmeyer.

Patrick Henry Certificate of Appreciation:

Michael Bierman, William Bozic, Jerry Clanton, Allen Greene, Fred Jackson, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Bernice Mistrot, Ed Raines, Ralph Reed, Ed Semler, Alex Thorne, and Marti Thorne.

Samuel Adams Certificate of Appreciation:

Michael Bierman, Jerry Clanton, Chris Courter, Allen Greene, Fred Jackson, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Allan Perkins, Bobby Smith, and Billy Sorrells.

Thomas Paine Certificate of Appreciation:

William Bozic, Ray Cox, Allen Greene, Linda Greene, and Tom Jackson.

Robert Morris Certificate of Appreciation:

Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, and Bernice Mistrot.

Color Guard Certificate of Appreciation:

Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, Bruce McMordie, Ed Raines, Bobby Smith, and Billy Sorrells.

Roger Sherman Medal:

Michael Bierman, and Alex Thorne.

Fw: Minutes, facebook post & year book

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020, 08:11 PM CDT

Tom Jackson

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020, 11:58:52 AM CDT

Subject: Minutes

Michael,

Please add to minutes Years of service certificates:

Larry Arnold	15
William Bozic	30
Chris Courter	20
Allen Greene	20
Murray Greene	20
Samuel Griffin	30
Fred Jackson	20
Thomas A Jackson	15
Thomas I Jackson	15
Douglas McDonnell	10
Dan Meadows	50
Jerry Pearson	10
Ted Poe	5
David Reynolds	15
Bradley Richardson	5

Taylor Richardson	5
Terry Richardson	5
Bobby Smith	25
Brian Thorne	10
Gregory Thorne	10
David Whitaker	5
Jason Murrell	5

Thanks,

Allen

Robert Rankin Chapter Awards
March 11, 2020

	George Washinton COA	Abigail Adams COA	Patrick Henry COA	Samuel Adams COA	Thomas Paine COA	Robert Morris COA	Color Guard COA	Roger Sherman Medal	Totals
Michael Bierman	X		X	X			X	X	5
William Bozic			X						1
Jerry Clanton	X		X	X					3
Ray Cox					X				1
Chris Courter				X					1
Allen Greene	X		X	X	X	X	X		6
Linda Greene		X			X				2
Brenda Jackson		X							1
Fred Jackson			X	X					2
Tom Jackson	X		X	X	X	X	X		6
Bruce McMordie	X		X	X			X		4
Bernice Mistrot		X	X			X			3
Jack Muggli	X								1
Jennie Muggli		X							1
Allan Perkins				X					1
Ed Raines			X				X		2
Ralph Reed			X						1
Ed Semler			X						1
Bobby Smith				X			X		2
Nita Smith		X							1
Billy Sorrells				X			X		2
Linda Sorrells		X							1
Nelma Strey		X							1
Alex Thorne	X		X					X	3
Marti Thorne			X						1
Judy Zachmeyer		X							1
Totals	7	8	13	10	4	3	7	2	54

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



(L-R) Alex Thorne, Allen Greene, Bruce McMordie, Michael Bierman, and Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim Kuykendall.

Robert Rankin Chapter 2020 Officers

President: Bruce McMordie

Vice-President: Chris Courter

Secretary: Michael Bierman

Treasurer: Alex Thorne

Historian: Allen Greene & Tom Jackson

Registrar: Tom Jackson

Genealogist: Jack Muggli

Sgt. At Arms: Jerry Clanton

Chaplain: Alex Thorne

March Meeting

March 11, 2020

*New Member
Mark Russell*



(L-R) Mark Russell, President Bruce McMordie,
Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim Kuyhendall.



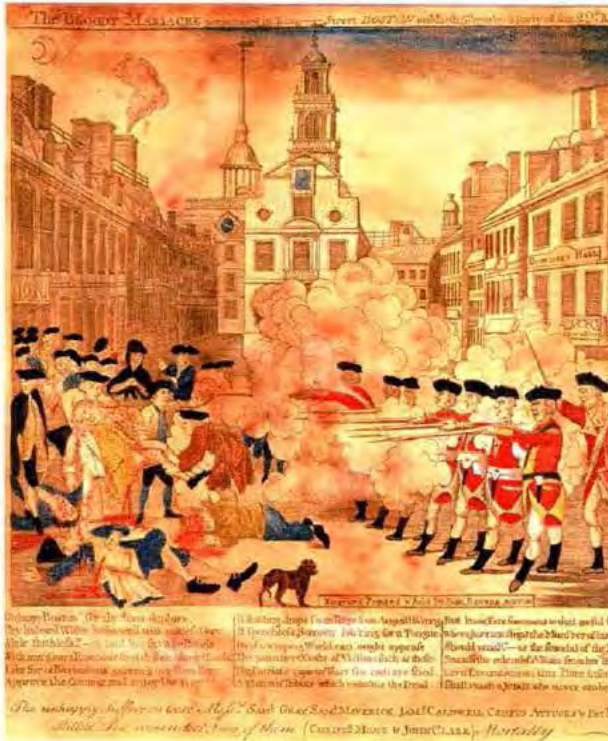
(L-R) Mark Russell, President Bruce McMordie,
Texas SAR Staff Secretary Jim Kuyhendall.



(L-R) Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, new member Mark Russell, President Bruce McMordie, Alex
Thorne, and Billy Sorrels

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



"The Bloody Massacre perpetrated in King Street Boston on March 5, 1770 by a part of the 29th REGT."

Paul Revere



Compatriot Bruce McMordie marks the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre in This Day in History.

"Bloody Massacre on King Street"

March 5, 2020, commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. On that frigid, snowy evening in 1770, Private Hugh White was the only British soldier guarding the King's money stored inside the Custom House on King Street. Private White came under threat of attack from Boston citizens after having an altercation with Edward Garrick. Soon the town's church bells rang signaling for more local citizens to come and observe the commotion. Fearing for his life, White sent word to Captain Thomas Preston. Captain Preston soon arrived with six other armed men.

As the crowd continued to grow, Captain Preston ordered his men to load their muskets and then proceeded to tell the mob to disperse. Having not went home, the crowd continued to taunt the soldiers daring them to fire their weapons and throwing snowballs, ice, and oyster shells. Private Montgomery was then struck by an object from the crowd and fell to the ground. Once Montgomery recovered, he stood up and fired into the crowd without orders given to do so. One by one the other soldiers discharged their muskets. Among the five who ultimately died at the hand of Captain Preston's men, six more were wounded. The crowd soon dispersed, and an investigation ensued.

The Boston Massacre is one of several pivotal events leading to the Revolutionary War, and ultimately, the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Source: National Park Service

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: David Frost (C) of the Carrington Chapter stands with Allen Greene (L) and President Bruce McMordie (R). Alex Thorne is seated in the background.



GEORGE WASHINGTON CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Allen Greene, Michael Bierman, Bruce McMordie, and Alex Thorne. Not pictured: Jerry Clanton, Tom Jackson, and Jack Muggli.

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



ABIGAIL ADAMS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Allen Greene (far left) and Bruce McMordie (far right) with (L-R) Judy Zachmeyer, Linda Greene, Brenda Jackson, Bernice Mistrot. Not pictured: Jennie Muggli, Nita Smith, Linda Sorrells, Nelma Strey.



PATRICK HENRY CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Ralph Reed, Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, Bernice Mistrot, Fred Jackson, Alex Thorne, and Bruce McMordie. Not pictured: William Bozic, Jerry Clanton, Tom Jackson, Ed Raines, Ed Semler, and Marti Thorne.

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



SAMUEL ADAMS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Allen Greene, Michael Bierman, Fred Jackson, Bruce McMordie, and Billy Sorrells. Not pictured: Jerry Clanton, Chris Courter, Tom Jackson, Allan Perkins, Bobby Smith.



THOMAS PAINE CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Linda Greene and Allen Greene. Not pictured: William Bozic, Ray Cox, and Tom Jackson. Alex Thorne looks on.

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



ROBERT MORRIS CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: Allen Greene and Bernice Mistrot. Not pictured: Tom Jackson



COLOR GUARD CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION AWARDS: (L-R) Allen Greene, Michael Bierman, Bruce McMordie, and Billy Sorrels. Not pictured: Tom Jackson, Ed Raines, Bobby Smith.

March Meeting

March 11, 2020



ROGER SHERMAN MEDALS: Michael Bierman (L), Alex Thorne (C) are pictured with Robert Rankin President Bruce McMordie.



(L-R) Allen Greene, Fred Jackson, and President Bruce McMordie.

Out and About – David Zachmeyer



David M. Zachmeyer
Columbus, Texas

Personal:

My wife Judy and I were born and raised in Burlington, Iowa. We moved to Texas in 1981. Judy is an active member of the DAR in Columbus, Texas. We have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Educational:

USAF Technical School
SE Iowa College: Statistics
ASQC: Quality Engineering and Quality Auditing

Military and Professional:

USAF: 4 years, 9 months Communication Repair; 328th Combat Support Group 1961 through 1966
Active member of Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion
AMF: Senior Process Investigator Military, Aero Space and Commercial Electronic Component Manufacturing
BNRR: Conductor
EMI: Quality Manager Offshore Structure Component Manufacture
PROMATEC: Corporate and Site Quality Manager Nuclear Power Plant Construction
AMF GEOSPACE: Quality Supervisor
Seismic Exploration Equipment Manufacture

Chapter

Weatherford: Director of Quality,
Manufacture of Oil and Gas Drilling
Equipment and Natural Gas Compression
Equipment
Voting Member of API Quality Committee 20
plus years.

Revolutionary Ancestors:

Robert Taylor

Major in Col. John Davis, 1st Battalion,
Cumberland Co. Militia

Fort Taylor, Ohio County, West Virginia was
built and named for him.

Prior to the US Revolution, he served in
Dunmore's War.

Robert Taylor was a soldier in the Indian War
shortly after the Revolution. He was with Col.
Crawford in his celebrated defeat at Sandusky
Plains, was taken prisoner by the Indians and
later escaped.

Henry Taylor, son of Robert Taylor, also
served in the US Revolutionary War.

Other direct line ancestors, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Woodworth, were founding members of
Sitate, Ma. in 1620.

SAR Offices and Awards:

Military Service Medal

Hobbies and other activities:

Golf

Collect Coins and Stamps

Collect WW II and Vietnam Military

Weapon and Memorabilia

We raise horses on our small ranch in
Colorado County

April



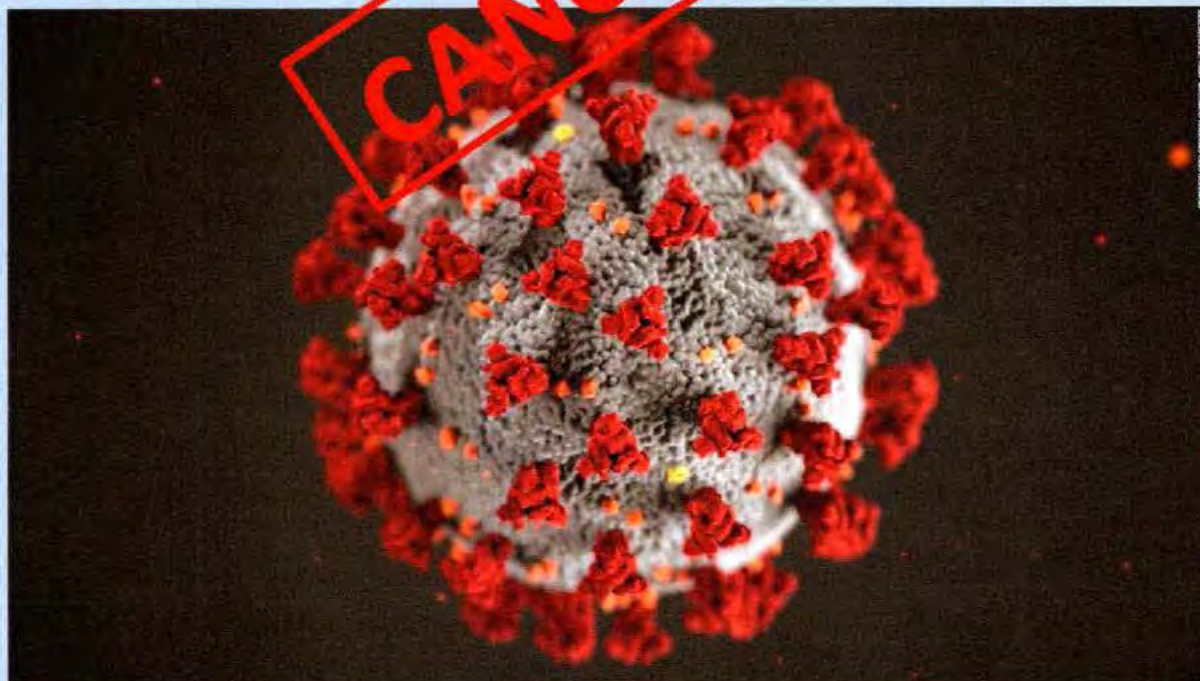
The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill (painted 1786) by John Trumbull (1756 – 1843). Trumbull was a soldier of the Revolution and sketched the British works at the Battle of Bunker Hill, which he witnessed. He was a personal aide to Washington and deputy adjutant-general to Gates. Trumbull resigned from the army in 1777.

The painting hangs in the Boston Museum of Fine Art and depicts a charge by the British up Breed's Hill. The two details show the death of two leaders of the battle. Colonial leader General Dr. Joseph Warren is shown dying after being hit by a musket ball. In the lower insert, Major John Pitcairn, falling back dying in the arms of Lieutenant Pitcairn's, his son.

The photographs were taken by T. Jackson.

April Meeting

*Robert Rankin, Texas SAP,
Patriots Day Celebration
April Meeting Highlights*



May



The *Surrender of General Burgoyne At Saratoga* by by **John Trumbull (1756 – 1843)** is an oil on canvas measuring 12' x 18'. It was finished in 1821 and placed 1826 in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. Depicted in this painting is the surrender of British General John Burgoyne to American General Horatio Gates at Saratoga, New York on October 17, 1777.

The British surrender occurs after two previous battles lost by the British while they awaited reinforcements that never arrived. This turning point in the American Revolution brought the French into the war and prevented the British from carving off the New England.

(The image was captured at: <http://www.aoc.gov/capitol-hill/historic-rotunda-paintings/surrender-general-burgoyne>.)

May Meeting

May 20, 2019



President Bruce McMordie presiding over the May meeting via Zoom. Across the top of the screen you can see fellow Compatriots Tom Jackson, Billy Sorrels, Chris Courter, Allen Perkins, Jack Muggli, and Michael Bierman.

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Zoom Memorial Day Celebration May Meeting Highlights

- ❖ Invocation by Chaplain Alex Thorne
- ❖ Pledges
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Member Check In
- ❖ Memorial Day Remembrance Video
- ❖ Recessional
- ❖ Benediction

May Meeting

May 20, 2019



Top Row (L-R): President Bruce McMordie, Tom Jackson, Michael Bierman. Middle Row: Billy Sorrels, Chris Courter, Allen Perkins. Bottom Row: Jack Muggli



We are limited to 30-minute meeting with zoom and so our outside speaker did not join us. It was still good to see everybody.

Compatriot Tom Jackson reported on the status of National Congress - the Executive Committee will make a decision on May 29th.

Compatriot Jackson also gave an update on our youth results at state:

- Oratory 2nd in Texas: Noah H.
- JROTC 3rd in Texas: Cadet First Lieutenant Justin B.
- Brochure 1st in Texas: Kate Y. J.
- Poster 2nd in Texas: Morgan W. (A CAR!)
- Eagle Scout: None
- CAR Essay: None
- Knight Essay: None



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Memorial Day Celebration



May 20, 2020

The Virtual meeting was opened by Bruce McMordie at 6:00 pm. No programs were presented. Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 10 were present including 9 Compatriots and 1 guest. There was no Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

Compatriot Tom Jackson talked about the status of National Congress and gave an update on the Chapters youth results at state.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: None.

Educational Presentation: None.

Patriotic Presentation: None.

All members spoke on their families condition.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *May 30, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of June Meeting



June 10, 2020

The Virtual meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (1), Educational(0), and Patriotic (0). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 24 were present including 15 Compatriots and 9 guests.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Bruce McMordie showed a video titled "Creation of the Continental Army - June 15th, 1775 - John Adams."

Historical: None.

Patriotic Presentation: None

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *June 19, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of June Meeting



June 10, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (8):

Michael Bierman
Christopher Courter
Daniel Frost
Tom Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Bill Sorrells
Alex Thorne
David Zachmeyer

Compatriots with spouses present ():

Guests(1):

Bernice Mistrot

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

None

September



Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States, by Howard Chandler Christy, hangs along the east stairway in the House of Representatives wing in the Capitol building.

The scene depicts the signing the U.S. Constitution at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. The painting was finished by Christy in April 1940. Appropriately enough it is painted on a sail canvas.

(The painting was excerpted from:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scene_at_the_Signing_of_the_Constitution_of_the_United_States.)

September Meeting

Celebration of our Constitution

September 16, 2020



Top Row (L-R): Allen Perkins, Tom Jackson, Guest Speaker John Thompson, and Mel Oller. Middle Row (L-R): Kevin Strange, Phillip Gutheridge, Billy Sorrels, and Terry Miller. Bottom Row (L-R): James Hoffman, Bruce McMordie, and Kevin Weber.

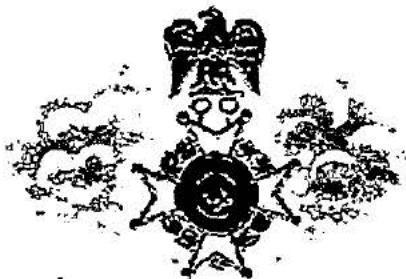
Robert Rankin, Texas SAR

Zoom

September Highlights

- ❖ John Thompson, Texas President of the General Society of the War of 1812 and frequent portrayer Ben Franklin, is our speaker for the evening. His presentation is "Benjamin Franklin & America's First Military Secret"
- ❖ Compatriot Tom Jackson gives a presentation in honor of Constitution Week
- ❖ President Bruce McMordie present This Day in History on Samuel Adams
- ❖ Compatriot Kevin Strange provides a special presentation

Sons of the American Revolution



ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER #62, TXSSAR CONSTITUTION WEEK

Wednesday September 16, 2020
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: President, Bruce McMordie

PLEDGES:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

"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."

Texas Pledge

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

SAR Creed

"We, the 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."

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President, Bruce McMordie

SPEAKER: Texas President of the General Society of The War of 1812, John K. Thompson, P.E.
Presentation: "Benjamin Franklin & America's First Military Secret"

CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION: President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Samuel Adams is born: President, Bruce McMordie

RECOGNITION & AWARDS: President, Bruce McMordie

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Compatriot Kevin Strange

Sons of the American Revolution



SAR Recessional

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

BENEDICTION: President, Bruce McMordie

MEETING ADJORNED: President, Bruce McMordie



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Constitution Day Celebration



September 16, 2020

The meeting, conducted in person and by Zoom, was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (1), Educational (2), and Patriotic (1). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 13 were present including 8 Compatriots and 5 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: John Thompson, and Tom Jackson.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Compatriot Bruce McMordie gave presentation about the birth of Samuel Adams.

Educational Presentation: John Thompson gave an educational presentation on Benjamin Franklin titled "Benjamin Franklin & America's First Military Secret." Tom Jackson does a presentation in honor of Constitution Week about the SAR and DAR influence on the creation of Constitution day and the study of the Constitution in schools.

Patriotic Presentation: Kevin Strange spoke.

Historical Presentation: None.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Bruce McMordie. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *September 23, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Constitution Day Celebration



September 16, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (8):

Jim Hoffman
Tom Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Jack Muggli
Allen Perkins
Bill Sorrells
Glen Strey
Kevin Weber

Compatriots with spouses present (0):

Guests (5):

Phillip Gutheridge
Terry Miller
Mel Oller
Kevin Strange
John Thompson

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

September Meeting

Celebration of our Constitution

September 16, 2020

As an inventor, I am known for the
lightning rod,
bifocals, and the Franklin stove,
among other inventions.

"Either write something worth
reading
or do something worth
writing."
— Benjamin Franklin

Our primary speaker was engineer John Thompson with his portrayal of all things Ben Franklin. He now registers 40 presentations a year at the elementary and middle school level for school children. Franklin is one of the few founding fathers who is required to be studied at all three levels.

John has many similarities with Ben as both are inventors; John is crass enough to actually file for and obtain patents on his inventions, while Ben just wanted to donate them to the common good!



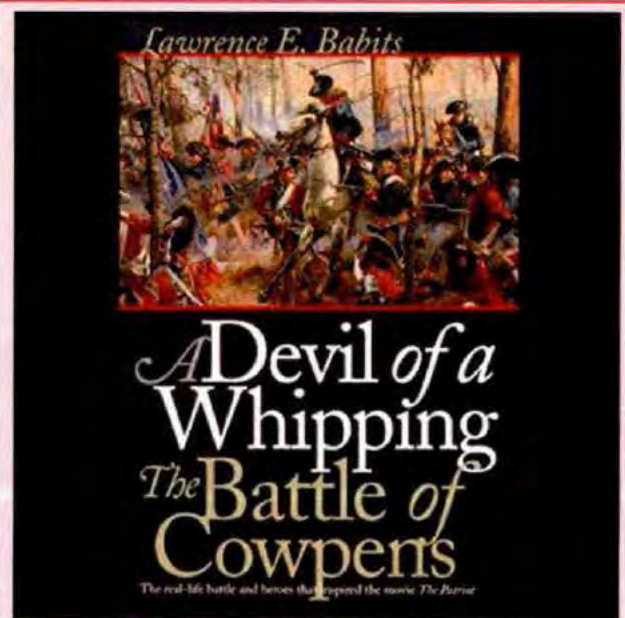
Guest Speaker John Thompson

September Meeting

Celebration of our Constitution

September 16, 2020

Kevin Strange presents Tom Jackson with an autographed copy of the book "Devil of a Whipping", about the Battle of Cowpens where Jackson's ancestor Jeremiah Dial fought.



September Meeting

Celebration of our Constitution

September 16, 2020

Compatriot Tom Jackson gives a presentation on the SAR and DAR influence on the creation of Constitution day, Constitution week, and the study of the Constitution in schools in every state of the union.



SAR Influence



1917 Compatriot Elmer Wentworth (PG 1916-1918) prevailed upon the Iowa State Legislature to provide for the observance of Constitution Day and also in public schools.

1917-1918 American's Creed, written by SAR Compatriot William Tyler Page, submitted in a contest, judged to be the best entry, presented to the Speaker of the House, read to Congress and then printed in Congressional Record #102, April 13, 1918.

In **1917**, the Sons of the American Revolution formed a committee to promote Constitution Day. The committee, chaired by future PG David Pierson would include Compatriots such as Calvin Coolidge, John D. Rockefeller, William Howard Taft, Henry Cabot Lodge and General John Pershing.

In **1917** the Kentucky SAR Society held a Constitution Day celebration with 65,000 in attendance.

In **1922** SAR Societies reported over 60,000 Constitution Day Celebrations.

Centennial History of the Nation
Society of the Sons of the Amer



October



The month of October was very special for the American side in the Revolution. The painting above is by American artist **John Trumbull (1756 – 1843)**. The *Surrender Of Lord Cornwallis At Yorktown* (October 19, 1781) is shown above and is an oil on canvas measuring 12' x 18'. The painting was completed in 1820 and was placed in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in 1826.

(The image was captured at: <http://www.aoc.gov/capitol-hill/historic-rotunda-paintings/surrender-lord-cornwallis>.)

October Meeting

October 14, 2020



Guest Speaker Justice Ken Wise for the Robert Rankin Chapter's first hybrid (in-person and via Zoom) meeting of 2020.

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Spring Creek BBQ & Zoom October Highlights

- ❖ Guest Speaker for the evening is Justice Ken Wise, 14th Court of Appeals. His presentation is "Texas Wins the American Revolution:
- ❖ President Bruce McMordie announces chapter recognitions from National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
- ❖ Compatriot Tom Jackson presents Yorktown Celebration / The Battle of Yorktown 1781 for This Day in History
- ❖ Several recognitions are presented to Robert Rankin Chapter members who were present



**ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER #62, TXSSAR
YORKTOWN CELEBRATION**

Wednesday October 14, 2020

Social Time - 6:00 pm, Business - 6:30 pm.

Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy FWY, Katy, TX 77449

Phone: (281)829-0359

DINNER: Go through the serving line, get your dinner and pay for it and compatriots please put \$2.00 per person in our speaker funds box.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

PLEDGES:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

"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."

Texas Pledge

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

SAR Creed

"We, the 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."

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President, Bruce McMordie

SPEAKER: Justice Ken Wise, 14th Court of Appeals
"Texas Wins the American Revolution"

CHAPTER RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT: President, Bruce McMordie



THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Yorktown Celebration
The Battle of Yorktown 1781:
President (2018-2019) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson

SAR Recessional

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

BENEDICTION: Chaplain, Alex Thorne

MEETING ADJORNED: President, Bruce McMordie



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Yorktown Celebration



October 14, 2020

The meeting, conducted in person and by Zoom, was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (2). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 12 were present including 9 Compatriots and 3 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Bobby Smith, Allen Greene and Tom Jackson.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Compatriot Tom Jackson gave a presentation on The Battle of Yorktown 1781.

Historical Presentation: Justice Ken Wise gave his presentation of "Texas Wins the American Revolution."

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *October 21, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Yorktown Celebration



October 14, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (8):

Allen Greene
Tom Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Jack Muggle
Bobby Smith
Bill Sorrells
Alex Thorne
Harry Woodstrom

Compatriots with spouses present (2):

Fred & Brenda Jackson

Guests (2):

Justice Ken Wise
Bernice Mistrot

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Certificate of Appreciation: Justice Ken Wise.

George Washington Certificate: Bruce McMordie, Michael Bierman, Alex Thorne, Jerry Clanton, Tom Jackson, Allen Greene, Jack Muggli

Color Guard Certificate: Tom Jackson, Allen Greene, Bruce McMordie, Bobby Smith, Bill Sorrells, Ed Raines

Samuel Adams Certificate: Tom Jackson, Allen Greene, Chris Courter, Bobby Smith, Jerry Clanton, Allan Perkins, Ray Cox

Thomas Paine Certificate: Tom Jackson, William Bozic

Robert Morris Certificate: Tom Jackson, Allen Greene

Patrick Henry Certificate: Allen Greene, William Bozic, Jerry Clanton, Ed Semler, Ed Raines

Abigail Adams Certificate: Nita Smith, Jennie Muggli, Nelma Strey, Linda Sorrells

5 Year Membership: Bruce Alfredson

10 Year Membership: Jason Murrell

15 Year Membership: Tom Jackson, Thomas I Jackson

20 Years Membership: Allen Greene, Murray Greene, Chris Courter, Bobby Smith

30 Year Membership: William Bozic

Chapter Awards:

Marshall Hunter Attendance Award Group #1, President's General Cup, Stark Award

October Meeting

October 14, 2020

Guest Speaker – Justice Ken Wise



Robert Rankin Chapter President Bruce McMordie (L) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker Justice Ken Wise.

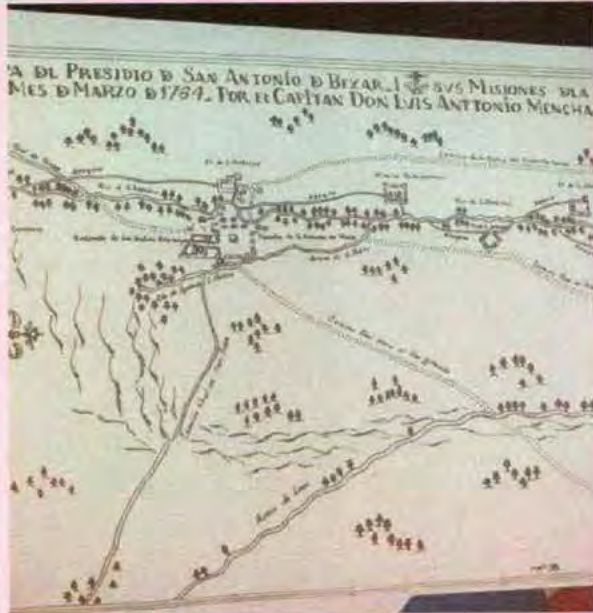


From left to right, Tom Jackson, Bobby Smith, Justice Wise, President Bruce McMordie, and Allen Greene.

October Meeting

October 14, 2020

Guest Speaker – Justice Ken Wise



Our Speaker was Justice Ken Wise on the topic of the Texas Contribution to the American Revolution. He is a judge for Place 7 of the Texas Fourteenth District Court of Appeals. He assumed office in 2013. His current term ends on December 31, 2020. He is a well-known pod caster with the title of Wise about Texas.



October Meeting

October 14, 2020

This Day in History

At 7:00 p.m., six
signal guns fired
into the air

Assault on Redoubt 10

1st Rhode Island Regiment
Evening of October 14th
led by Colonel Alexander Hamilton
American View



Since it is October we must celebrate the Victory at Yorktown! The focus of Compatriot Tom Jackson's presentation is the events of October 14th at 7pm in the evening when the assault on Redoubts 9 & 10 commenced. These were taken within an hour & the victory was secured.

October Meeting

October 14, 2020



Allen Greene awarded certificates to Rankin Members who were present. The certificates and their purpose:

George Washington	Officer Service
Robert Morris	Financial Contribution
Abigail Adams	Ladies support of Robert Rankin
Samuel Adams	Committee Chair or committee service
Patrick Henry	Speaking to Rankin or outside group
Color Guard Certificate	Wearing militia or continental attire



October Meeting

October 14, 2020

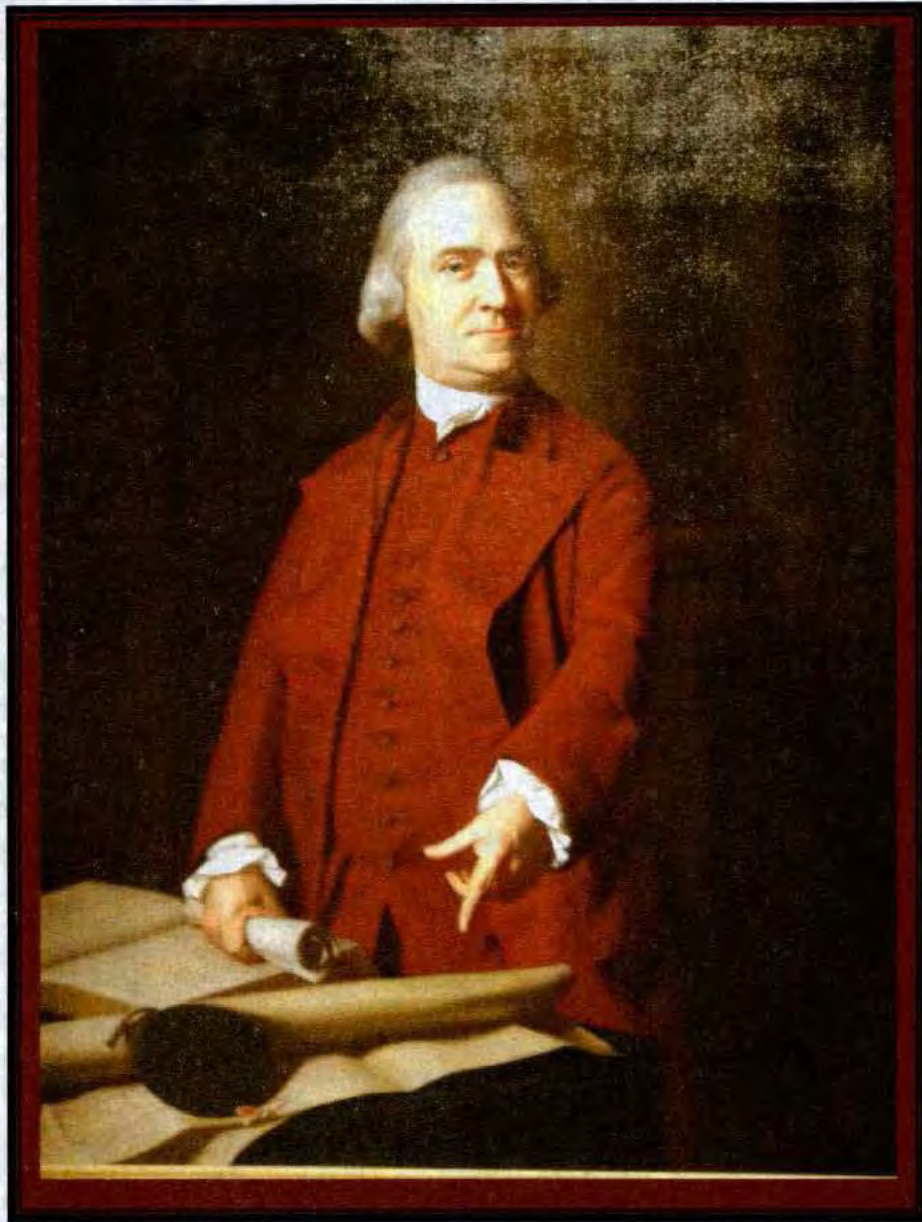


President Bruce McMordie & Compatriot Allen Greene hold the National Awards for Robert Rankin, Best in the Nation for a small chapter for the President's General Cup & for the Stark Award. The Stark Award is for service to Veterans.



L-R: Rankin Color Guard is Recognized! Tom Jackson, Billy Sorels (in the background & out of uniform) President Bruce McMordie, Bobby Smith, and Allen Greene.

November



The painting of **Samuel Adams** above hangs in the Boston Library. The artist was **John Singleton Copley** (1738 - 1815). He was an American painter who was presumed to have been born in Boston, Massachusetts. He is remembered for inserting into the paintings artifacts important to the lives of the individuals painted.

Adams is shown confronting Governor Hutchinson after the Boston Massacre. He is holding petitions signed by angry citizens of Boston. He points toward the Massachusetts Royal Charter and demands the expulsion of British troops.

The photograph was taken by T. Jackson.

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020



From left to right: Compatriot Allen Greene, guest speaker Jack Busiek, President Bruce McMordie and Compatriot Tom Jackson.

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR

Spring Creek Barbecue November Meeting Highlights Veterans Day Celebration

- ❖ Primary Speaker Jack Busiek, Attorney and member of the State Bar of Texas spoke on "Stories of Charles Willson Peale, John Trumbull, William Raney, and Rembrandt Peale"
- ❖ President Bruce McMordie presented This Day in History on the funeral for Joseph Hewes
- ❖ President (2018-19) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson provided a Registrar Report
- ❖ District 8 Vice President Texas SAR, Allen Greene gave a presentation on Wreaths Across America
- ❖ New Member induction of Harry Woodstrom, who also gave an Ancestor Presentation



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Veteran's Day



November 11, 2020

The meeting, conducted in person and by Zoom, was opened by President Bruce McModie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (1), Educational (2), and Patriotic (1). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 15 were present including 12 Compatriots and 3 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Tom Jackson, Allen Greene, and Bruce McMordie.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

This Day In History: Bruce McMordie presented This Day in History, November 11, 1779, The funeral of Joseph Hewes; signer of The Declaration of Independence and Father of the US Navy.

Educational Presentation: Allen Greene talked about Wreaths Across America. Jack Busiek, Attorney, member of the State Bar of Texas, and published author of the novel "Patroit Letters" spoke on the topic, "Stories of Charles Willson Peale, John Trumbull, William Raney, and Rembrandt Peale."

Ancestor Presentation: New member, Harry Woodstrom, gave a presentation about his Fifth Great-Grandfather, Lieutenant James M Wells (1732-1778).

Historical Presentation: Fred Jackson gave speech on the painting by John Trumbull titled "Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga."

Tom Jackson provided the Registrar Report.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. Texas President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *November 20, 2020*.

Michael Bierman
Secretary

Bruce McMordie
President



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Veteran's Day



November 11, 2020

In Attendance

Compatriots present (11):

Michael Bierman
Christopher Courter
Allen Greene
Tom Jackson
Bruce McMordie
Dan Meadows
Jack Muggli
Bill Sorrells
Alex Thorne
Dick Wimbish
Harry Woodstrom

Compatriots with spouses present (2):

Fred & Brenda Jackson

Guests (2):

Bernice Mistrot
Jack Busiek

Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Thomas Paine Certificate: William Bozic

Thirty Year Membership Award: William Bozic

Patrick Henry Certificate: William Bozic

Chapter Achievements:

John Bruce Stuart Jr Memorial Award
Texas SAR Americanism Award
Outstanding Chapter Award
Outstanding Public Service Award
Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020



Allen Greene reminds that the Robert Rankin Chapter continues to be involved in Wreaths Across America. It will take place this year on Saturday, December 19. Compatriot Harry Woodstrom is in charge of the ceremony at Katy Magnolia Cemetery. Compatriot Bruce McMordie, a Merchant Marine, will lay the wreath for them. Allen Greene and Tom Jackson will be at Woodlawn Funeral Home Cemetery as we have for the past 10 years. Compatriot Allan Perkins is on the Houston National Cemetery Committee for WAA which will be a drive through wreath laying which will start at 8AM.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.ORG
REMEMBER • HONOR • TEACH

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020

New Member Induction – Harry Woodstrom



President Bruce McMordie (L) officially welcomes new member Harry Woodstrom (R) to the Robert Rankin Chapter. Harry is the Vice Commander of the 22nd District, Department of Texas of the American Legion and on the board of Elks Lodge 2628, Katy, Texas.



Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020

Ancestor Presentation



Newly inducted member Harry Woodstrom shared the story of "Fifth Great Grandfather Lieutenant James M. Wells (1732-1778).

James Wells, born 1732 at Colchester, Conn.; on March 28, 1754 married Hannah Loomis, also of Colchester. In 1771, with his wife and nine children he removed from Colchester to the Wyoming Valley, where he rendered valuable assistance as surveyor in establishing the boundaries of Kingston and Plymouth townships.

Early in 1778, while with Washington's army in New Jersey, he learned of the threatening conditions at Wyoming and, fearing for the safety of his family, obtained a leave of absence and hastened to Wyoming the latter part of June. Lieutenant Perrin Ross accompanied him. In the battle which followed on the 3rd of July, both went out to meet the enemy and were slain.

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020

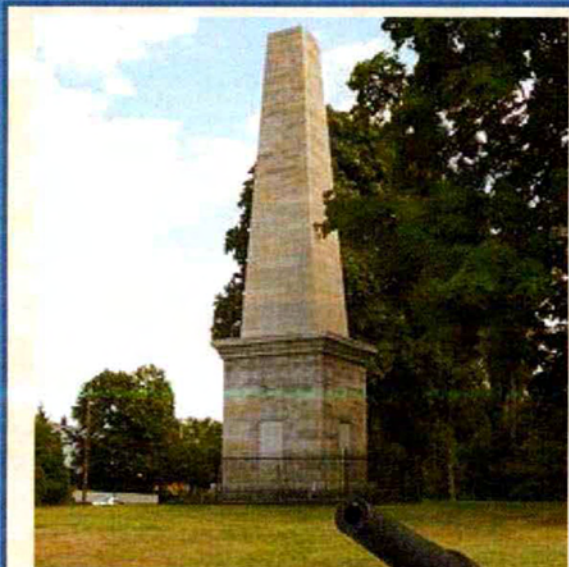
Ancestor Presentation



The Battle of Wyoming (also known as the Wyoming Massacre) was an encounter during the American Revolutionary War between American Patriots and Loyalists accompanied by Iroquois raiders which took place in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania on July 3, 1778, in Exeter and Wyoming, Pennsylvania. More than 300 Patriots were killed in the battle.

Wyoming Monument

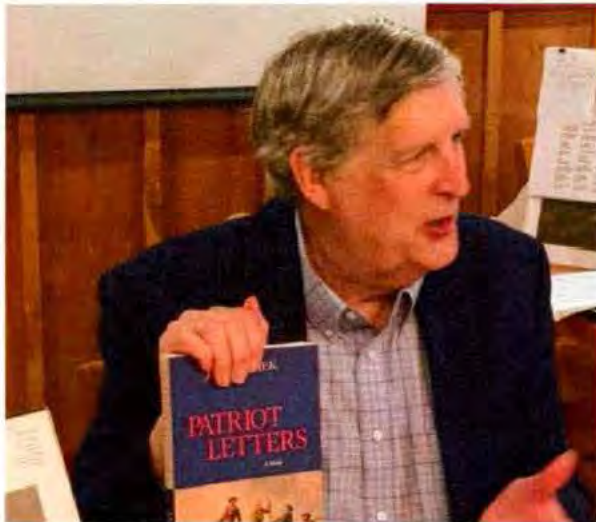
Traditionally on the Fourth of July, every year for the past 140 years members of the Wyoming community and Luzerne County Historical Society have organized a ceremony reenacting the battle



Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020

Guest Speaker – Jack Busiek



Speaker Jack Busiek, Attorney and member of the State Bar of Texas for more than fifty years, and published author of the novel Patriot Letters.



His presentation settles on tying together five different artists from 1783 through 1857 beginning with Benjamin West followed by Charles Willson Peale, Rembrandt Peale, John Trumbull and William Ranney.



(L) Speaker Jack Busiek and (R) Compatriot Fred Jackson.

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020



President Bruce McMordie (standing) has 2 presentations. The first is the Veterans Recognition and Celebration and he reads part of the proclamation of President Trump and recognizes the Veterans in the audience. His next presentation is This Day in History November 11, 1779-The funeral for Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence and "Father of the US Navy," was held at Christ Church in Philadelphia.



Compatriot Fred Jackson, in conjunction with the presentation by guest speaker Jack Busiek, talks about the painting he is holding, which is *Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga* by John Trumbull.

Our November Meeting

November 11, 2020



In the photo to the left, Robert Rankin Chapter President Bruce McMordie proudly shows certificates issued to chapter member William Bozic. William was awarded the Thomas Paine Certificate, Thirty Year Membership Award and the Patrick Henry Certificate.



President Bruce McMordie (L) and Compatriot Allen Greene At the meeting, the Robert Rankin Chapter recognized chapter achievements: John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award Group #2 (26--39) 2018, Texas SAR Americanism Award Group #2 (26-39) 2018, Outstanding Chapter Award Group #2 (26-39) 2018, Outstanding Public Service Award 2018, Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America 2019-20.

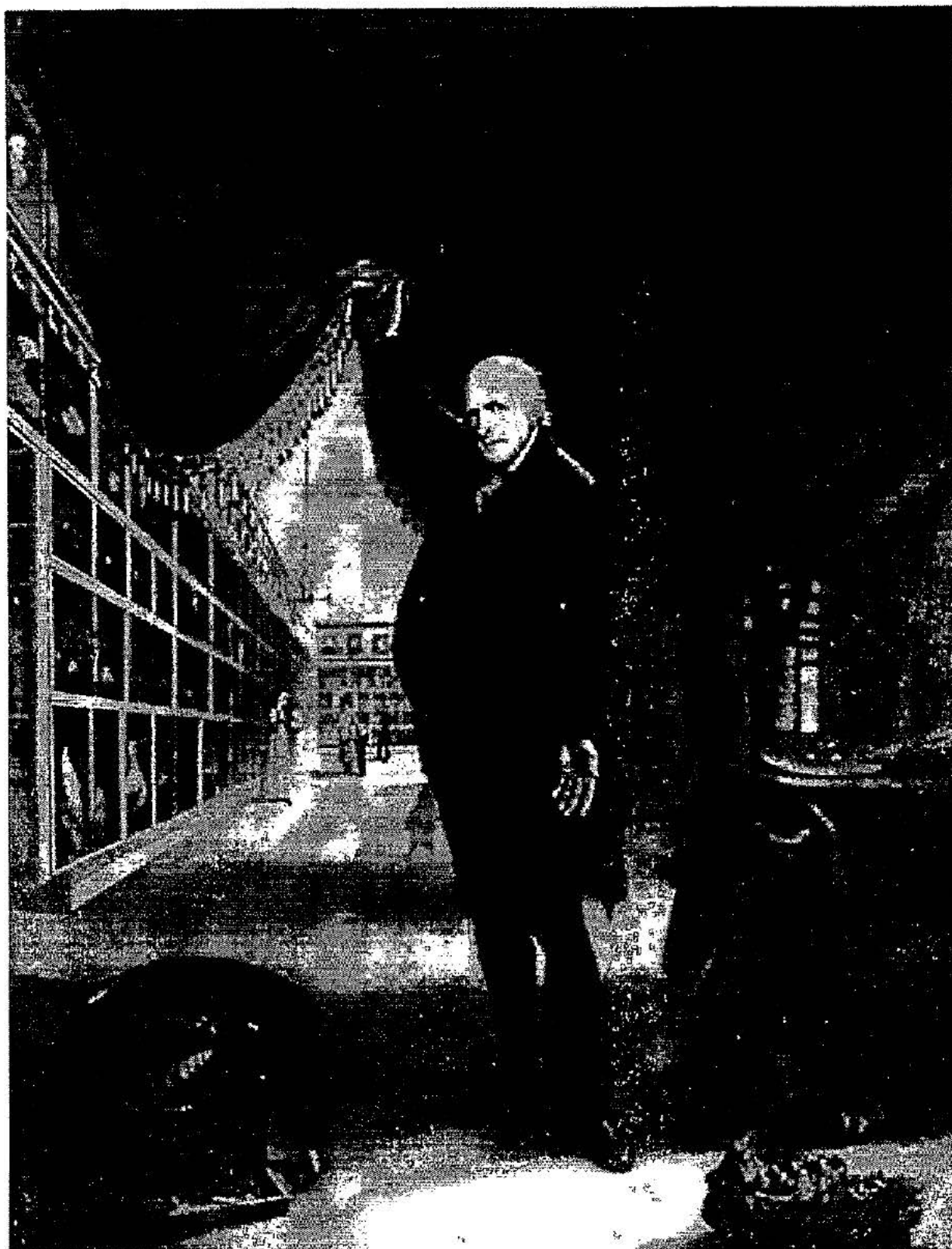
Veterans Day Proclamation

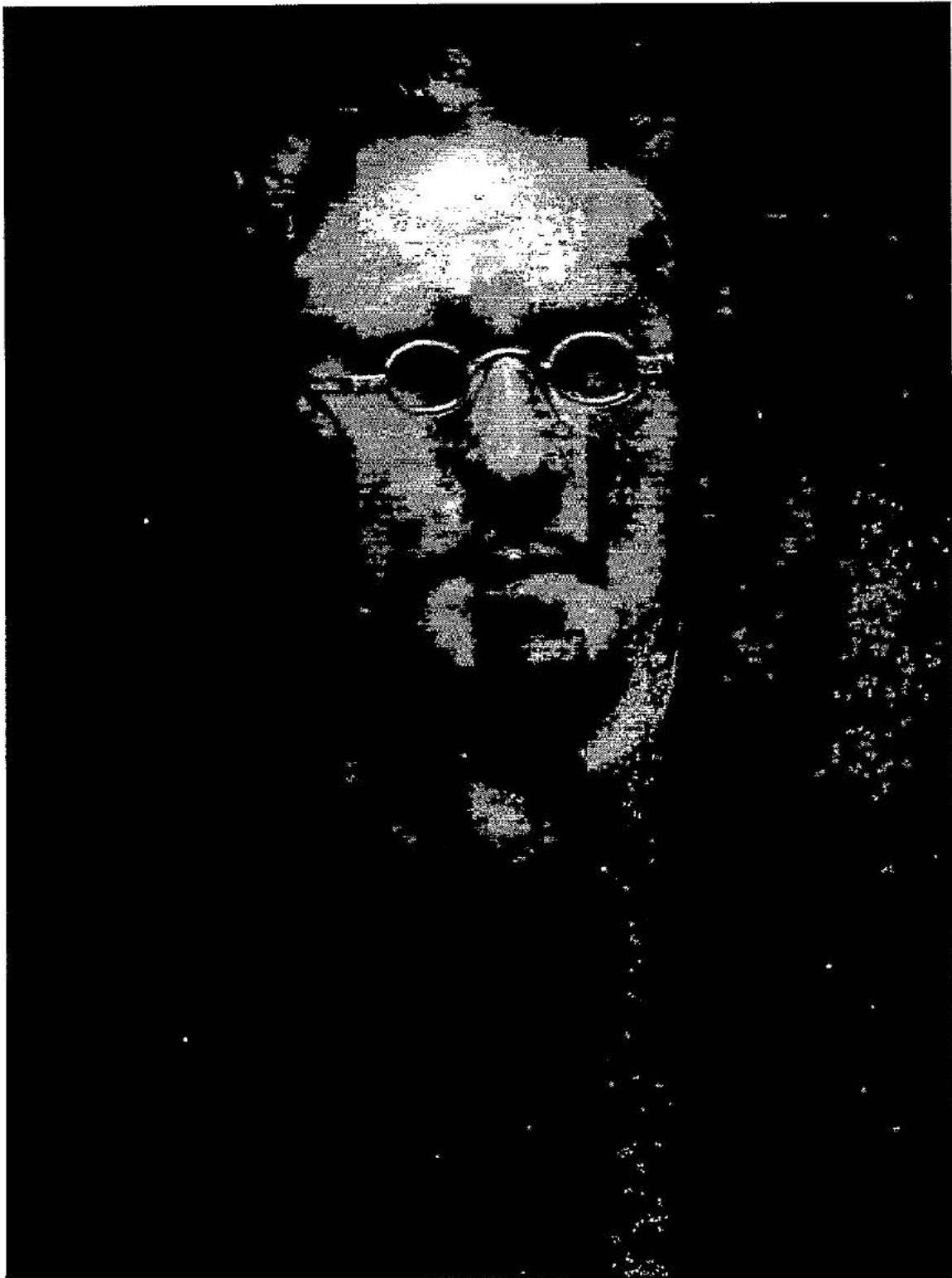
The Robert Rankin Chapter wishes to take this time on Veteran's Day to thank all of our members who have served in our country's armed forces. Your dedication and sacrifice to protect and serve is one of the reasons we have the freedoms we enjoy today.

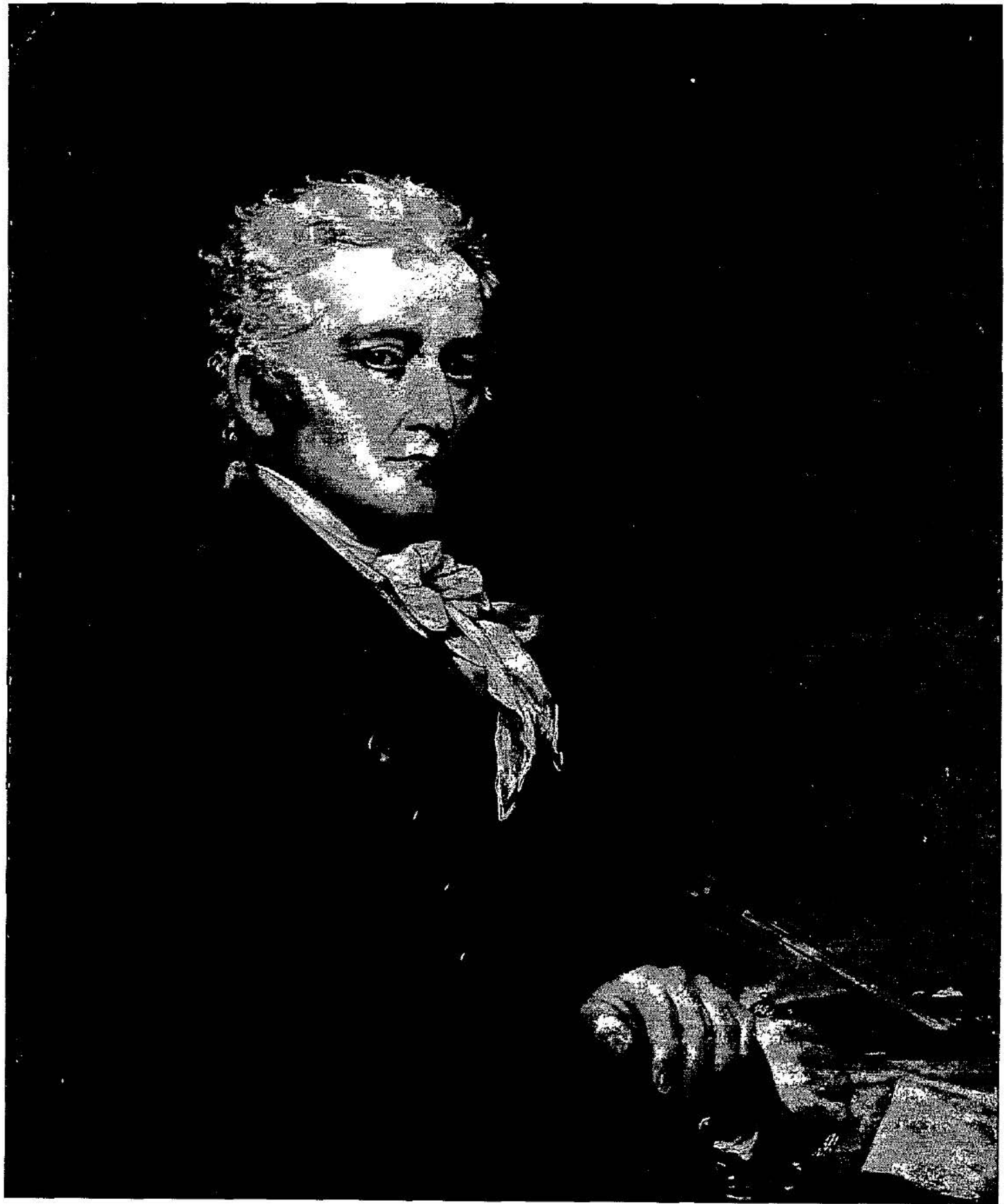
With the approval of legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation."

In the first Veterans Day Proclamation, President Eisenhower stated: "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

In recognition of our members who have served in our country's armed forces, please rise when your service branch is called in this quote from President Trump's 2018 proclamation: "We will never be able to repay the debt we owe the brave men and women who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard."

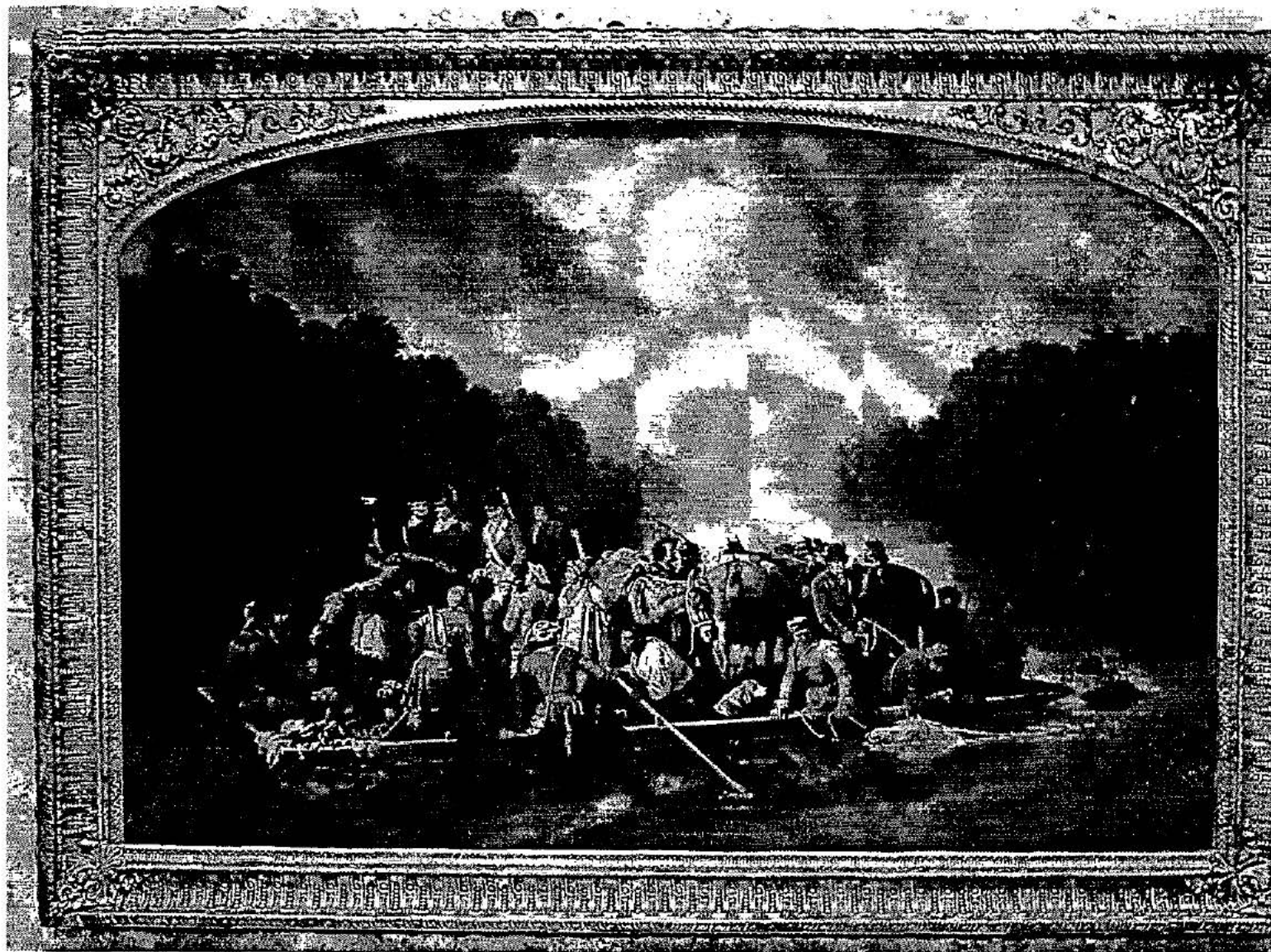








NATIVITY OF THE WEST



REFERENCES

Benjamin West (1738 -1820)

Born in Pennsylvania, he was the first American artist to study art in Italy in 1760. He went to London in 1763 and was appointed as a charter member of the Royal Academy of Arts in 1768. In 1772, King George III appointed him as his historical painter.

At West's studio in London, numerous American painters developed their skills. Among them were Charles Willson Peale, John Trumbull, Samuel F.B. Morse, and Thomas Sully. West left a great legacy of art, including the other artists he influenced.

Charles Willson Peale (April 15, 1741 – February 22, 1827)

Born in Maryland, Peale was apprenticed as a saddle-maker. From 1767-1770, he studied under Benjamin West in London. Peale opened a studio in Philadelphia in 1770 and painted many notables. He fought at the Battle of Princeton.

Over the years, Washington sat for him for seven portraits. *Washington at Princeton* was perhaps the first publicly commissioned painting in America. Peale, a Renaissance man who had a wide range of interests, including the natural sciences, founded Peale's Museum.

Peale had sixteen children, many of them named after artists. He was widowed three times.

Rembrandt Peale (February 22, 1778 - October 3, 1860)

Born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on Washington's birthday, he was the son of Charles Willson Peale. At the age of seventeen, Rembrandt painted a portrait of George Washington. He later painted versions of Washington titled *Patriae Pater* (Patriot Father), one of which is on my website, jackbusiek.com. A famous painting of Thomas Jefferson (1800) is in the White House.

Rembrandt had nine children and was involved with the museum business for decades. He was an educator in later life and authored numerous articles on art.

John Trumbull (1756 -1843)

Born in Connecticut, he witnessed the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was an aide to Washington in 1776. He painted three well-known "martyrs" works and the paintings in the Rotunda, including *Declaration of Independence* and *Surrender of General Burgoyne*, at Saratoga.

William Ranney (May 9, 1813 - November 18, 1857)

Born in Connecticut, he became the best artist to serve in the Republic of Texas Army. He is best known for scenes of the Revolutionary War, for paintings of frontier and Western experiences, and wildlife. He was a very patriotic man who died too young.

Other references: Paul Staiti's *Of Arms and Artists*, the Gallery Section at jackbusiek.com, wiseabouttexas.com, and *The Art of William Ranney* (Buffalo Bill Center of the West).

1794

PLEASE START A NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM
OF LIVE & SUFFER ANIMALS

REMBRANDT PEARL
SERIAL COLLECTION
COLOR OF EYES
BLUISH

1795
17

ASKED TO TAKE PORTRAIT
AT 22 OF GOOD W.
PAINTER JEFFERSON

TRUMBULL FOUGHT AT BUNKER HILL
MAJOR EBENEZER STEVENS



Texas State Society
Sons of the American
Revolution

2020 Annual State Convention
The Woodlands, Texas





Texas State Society
Sons of the American Revolution
125th Annual Convention
March 26-29; The Woodlands, Texas

Compatriots,

Sadly, I must inform you the Texas Society SAR Annual Meeting is cancelled for the weekend of March 26 - Mar 29, 2020 and has been rescheduled for the weekend of July 30 - August 2, 2020. Due to the current National Emergency surrounding the COVID-19 virus your officers began looking at our options surrounding this meeting. The CDC called for the cancellation of in-person events of 50 or more people for the next 8 weeks to help prevent the spread of this disease. So in keeping with CDC guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and helping to mitigate the virus for our at risk population we felt this action prudent. These are extraordinary times.

Thank you for understanding and for your patience as we deal with this national emergency.

David Temple

President

Texas Society SAR





Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution 125th Annual Convention July 30 – August 2; Zoom



July 13, 2020.

Texas Sons of the American Revolution Executive Committee. Compatriot Tom Jackson is an invited guest as he is still a National Trustee. Among other things, the committee must decide in this Zoom meeting should they have a face-to-face meeting at the end of this month or go virtual. This was a meaningful discussion.

July 27, 2020.

A Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in preparation of the upcoming state convention. The in-person state convention was cancelled not because of Hurricane Hanna but because of Covid-19.





Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution 125th Annual Convention July 30 – August 2; Zoom



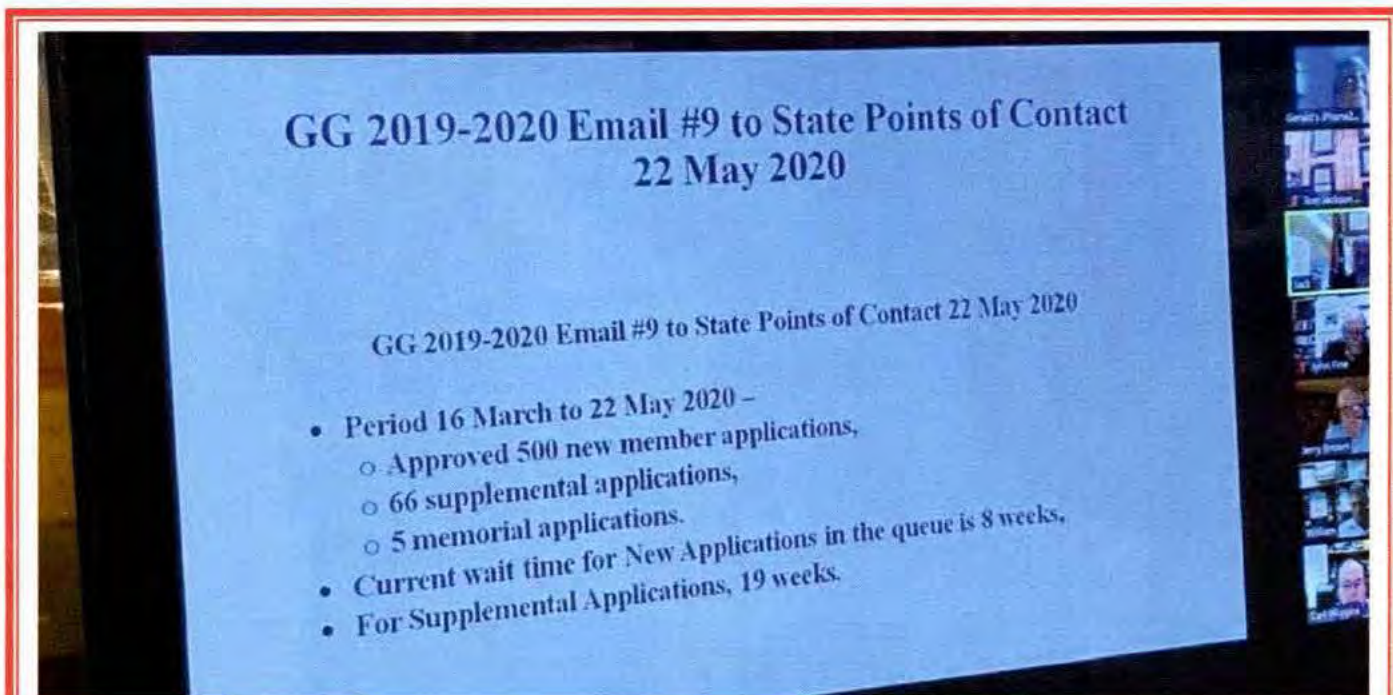
August 5, 2020. Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday.

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution 125th State Convention. All virtual, Zoom, for the following committees: State Meetings (Chairman Jim Kuykendall), Long Range Planning (Chairman Jim Kuykendall), JROTC (Chairman John Thompson).





Texas State Society
Sons of the American Revolution
125th Annual Convention
July 30 – August 2; Zoom



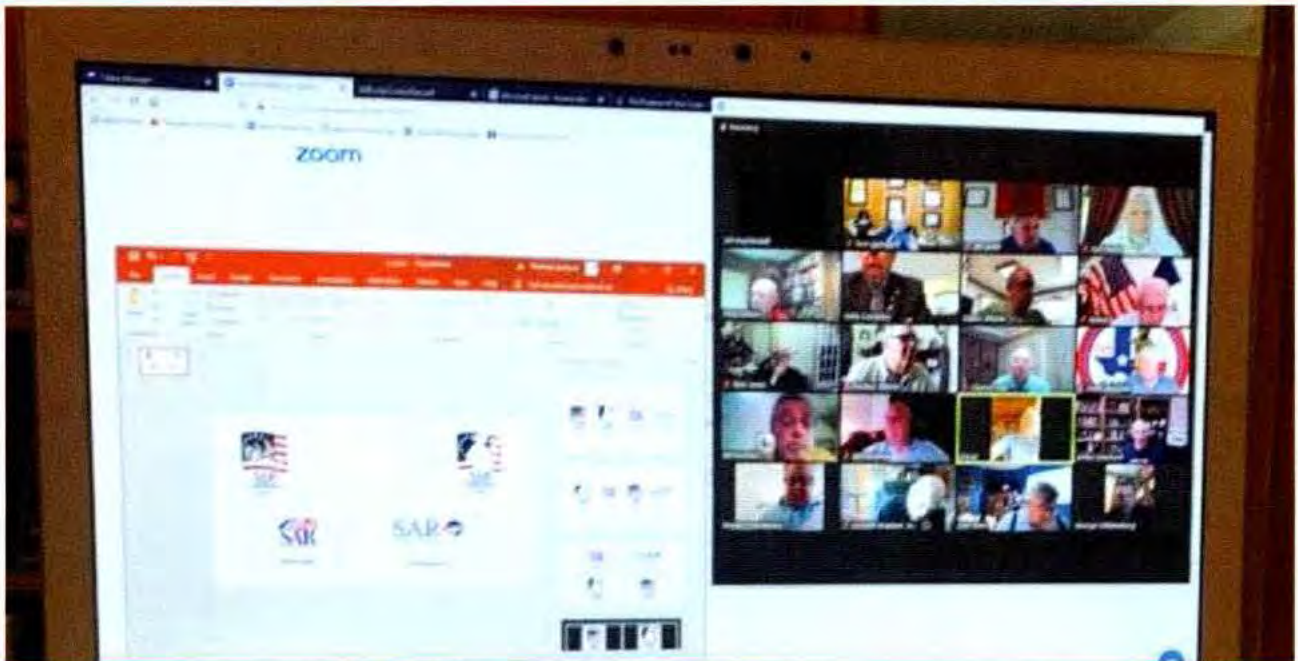
August 5, 2020. Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday.

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution 125th State Convention. All virtual, Zoom, for the following committees: Genealogy (Chairmen Jack Muggli and Jerry Brown), Americanism (Chairman John Hamlin), Education (Chairman Stu Hoyt), Training (Chairmen Jim Kuykendall and Robert Cohen, and Nominating (Chairman Tom Jackson).



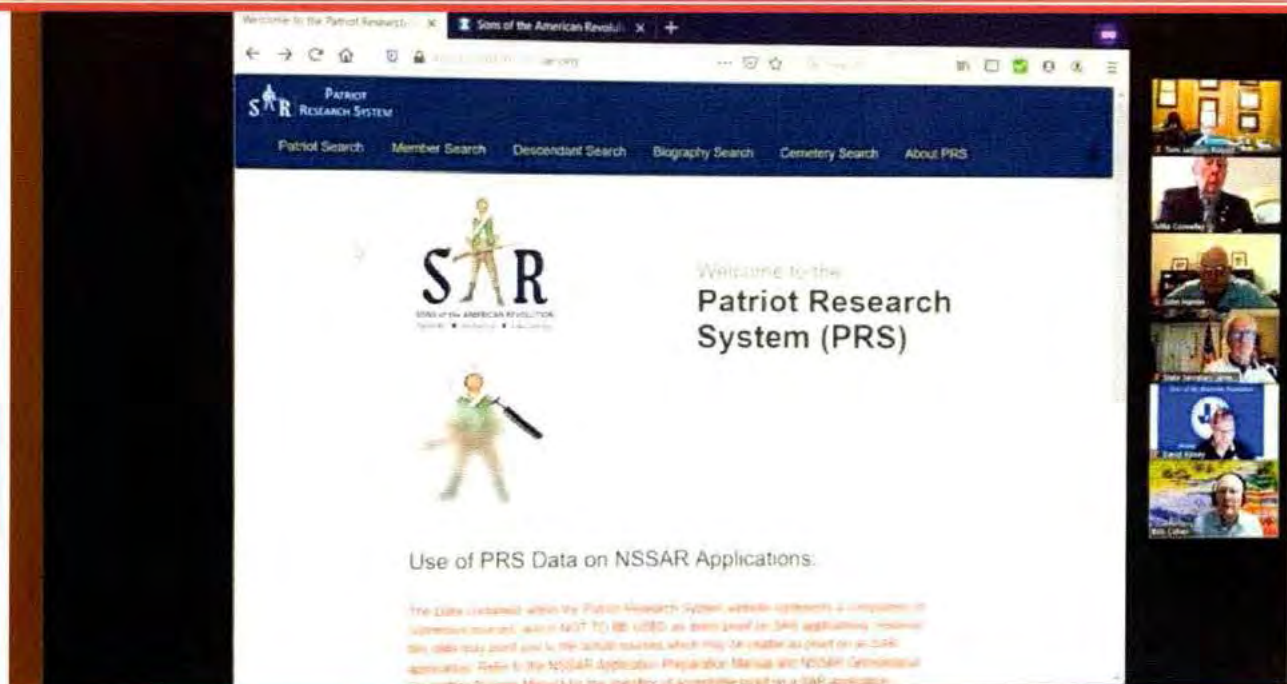


Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution 125th Annual Convention July 30 – August 2; Zoom



August 7, 2020. Friday.

SAR committee meetings: Credentials Fees & Dues (Chairman James Clements), Council of Chapter Presidents (Chairman Mike Connelly), Color Guard (Chairman Ted Wilson), All Patriot Committees (Chairmen Drake Peddie, John Thompson, & Robert Cohen) & Perpetual Fund (Chairman Jim Jones).





Texas State Society
Sons of the American Revolution
125th Annual Convention
July 30 – August 2; Zoom



Pledge of Allegiance

*"I pledge allegiance to
the Flag of the United
States of America and
to the Republic for
which it stands, One
Nation under God, in-
divisible, with Liberty
and Justice for all."*

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE





Texas State Society
Sons of the American Revolution
125th Annual Convention
July 30 – August 2; Zoom

The John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award

Arlington #7 Dist. #5

The John K. Harrell CAR Competition Awards

RIBBONS

Group 1 (0-25 Members)	Corpus Christi #14	Dist. #9
Group 2 (26-99 Members)	William Hightower #35	Dist. #3
Group 3 (100+ Members)	Dallas chapter #2	Dist. #6

JOHN BRUCE STUART R MEMORIAL AWARD

Denton Chapter #23	Dist. #11
Alexander Hodge Chapter #49	Dist. #7
Edmund Terrill #34	Dist. 11
San Antonio Chapter #4	Dist. 3

The Wilbur S. Strong Award

NONE


**The Texas SAR Outstanding Public
Service Awards**

Arlington #7	District #5
William Hightower #35	District #3
Dallas #2	District #6
Bernardo de Galvez #1	District #7
Maj. K. M. Van Zandt #6	District #7




Texas State Society
 Sons of the American Revolution
 125th Annual Convention
 July 30 – August 2; Zoom

Foundation Board Report



JOE DOOLEY



SAR Foundation, Inc.

Sarah Dennison resigned April 16, 2020.
 PG Warren Alter has been taking care of the administrative t
 We hired a new Development Manager. He started on July 1
Introducing ...



 A video frame of Drake Peddie, a man with short hair, wearing a suit and tie. He is speaking. A large, semi-transparent SAR logo is overlaid on the right side of the frame. The background shows a computer screen with a Yahoo! mail interface.

Texas Sons of the American Revolution. President
 Drake Peddie





Texas State Society
Sons of the American Revolution
125th Annual Convention
July 30 – August 2; Zoom





TXSSAR ROTC JROTC Committee AGENDA
Annual Meeting as ZOOM

Winter 2020

August 4, 2020 Tuesday at 3:00 PM.

Calling all SAR Compatriots with an interest in ROTC & JROTC.

The ROTC / JROTC Sub-Committee will meet as a ZOOM Format, immediately followed by and part of the TXSSAR Americanism Committee at 4 PM.

Discussion Topics for ROTC to include:

(1) Acknowledgements.

Loss of Bill Robinson of Liberty (RGV) Chapter, Terry McGee of Piney Woods Chapter,

Special helps from Thomas Green of the Alexander Hodge Chapter, Tom Van Fossen of Dallas Chapter, Tom Jones of the San Antonio Chapter, Tom Jackson of the Robert Rankin Chapter, Wayne Courreges Jr, and all leadership of the 37 TXSSAR Chapters participating.

Return of extra JROTC Bronze from Laredo Chapter & ROTC from Galvez Chapter for use in 2021 presentations.

(2) Presentation Count Delivered by NSSAR Merchandise to TXSSAR Chapters.

JROTC – Bronze HS Awards 388 at cost of \$16.00 each.

ROTC – Silver College Awards 50 at cost of \$17.00 each.

Total 2020 TXSSAR 428 Awards. \$5,667. Cost in 2020.

2021 Budget Cost with Blue Folders & postage for 37 Chapters - \$6,118.

While maintaining 8% in TXSSAR inventory.

(3) Budget will be subject to the number of 2020 Awards still held by the individual J/ROTC unit's Senior Military Instructors not presented due to COVID & those still held by the individual TXSSAR Chapter inventories.

- (4) Remaining Inventory after 2020 distribution which are held presently in TXSSAR ROTC boxes.

Outstanding ROTC Award (State Award w Neck Ribbon):	1
College Silver ROTC medals:	36
College Silver ROTC certificates:	42
High School – Bronze ROTC medals:	41
High School – Bronze ROTC Certificates:	10
Presentation Folders (Blue):	26

- (5) Outstanding / Enhanced JROTC Competition results.

1 st	Cadet Commander Kathleen Dang of MacArthur HS by Dallas Chapter.
2 nd	Cadet Ops C. Amerie Fernandez of Steele HS by William.Hightower Chr.
3 rd	Cadet 1 st Lt. Justin Benassi of Waller HS by the Robert Rankin Chapter.
4 th	Ray High School submitted by one Cadet but submission was inadequate.

- (6) Budget Purchase of Medals & Certificates for 2021.

Increase of \$451.00 Awards cost from 2020 due to past Inventory Utilizations to total of \$6,118.

- (7) Potential Recommended Amendment Review – Purchase of Medals & Certificates for 2021.

Formerly Cost to each Chapter: 1 Medal & Certification at TXSSAR Cost for Each 12 Chapter Members.

Amendment: We hereby respectfully submit the requirement be waived whereby 1 Medal & Certification at TXSSAR Cost is to be billed to each participating Chapter for Each 12 Chapter Members.

Support: In the past 10 years, this requirement has been waived due to funding by the support from the TXSSAR Patriot Fund and difficulty of accurate member count and burdensome collection from the individual Chapters.

ROTC Sub-Committee Meeting: August 4, 2020 Tuesday, 3:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Kenton Thompson, TXSSAR Chair

Texas Sons of American Revolution						Date - August 1, 2020		
Purchase Target of JROTC & ROTC - TXSSAR Medal Inventory - Actual by TX SAR Meeting for 2020-2021 School Year								
	TXSSAR	Inventory	TXSSAR	Projected	Projected	TXSSAR, Activity	5%	Patriot Fund/
	Est. to be Presented	2019 Remaining	To Purchase	Inventory	Following	Total Purchase Cost - JROTC	TXSSAR Discount	TXSSAR
	Reported 2020		In 2019	Following	Inventory	\$16100	for Bulk Order	Portion
	& Prelim. For 2021	As of Sept 26, 2019	from NSSAR Merch.	6/1/2020	%	Total Purchase Cost - ROTC	paid to Merch	Cost
						\$17100		JROTC/ROTC
								Awards
High School - Bronze JROTC - Medals Sets	388	41	377	30	8%	\$ 6,032.00	\$5,730.40	
						Certificates Included		
High School - Bronze JROTC - Certificates	388	10	408	30	8%			
College - Silver ROTC - Medals Sets	50	36	24	10	20%	\$ 408.00	\$387.60	
						Certificates Included		
College - Silver ROTC - Certificates	50	42	18	10	20%			
High School - TXSSAR Enhanced JROTC	1	2	0	2	200%	by TXSSAR Treasurer		
	by TXSSAR CMA							
Freight - (Merchandise with ship to Individual Chapters with Reduced Cost, per Merchandise)								
Total Awards by TXSSAR	439	79	401			\$ 6,440.00		\$6,118.00
		John Kenton Thomps						
		TXSSAR ROTC 2020 2021 Chairman						
						Analysis by JKT		

Texas Sons of American Revolution		
2020		
Audit of JROTC & ROTC - TXSSAR Medal Inventory		
2020 - After purchase of 360 JROTC & 40 ROTC awards and distribution to Chapters by NSSAR Merchandise	School Year 2020 - 2019	School Year 2020 - 2019
	Medals Remaining Inventory	Certificates Inventory
TXSSAR Enhanced State w State Bar (Backup Inventory)	2 (1 w/o Bar)	---
High School - Bronze JROTC	41	10
High School - Bronze JROTC - w cracked or broken cases	6	---
College - Silver ROTC	36	42
Bar Only - College Silver ROTC	14	
Blue - Presentation Folders	26	
Total Items	123	52
By: John Kenton Thompson		signed John Kenton Thompson Thursday, July 30, 2020

Nominating Committee Working Agenda

1. Intro and Welcome

- a. Good evening and welcome to the Texas SAR Nominating Committee. Thirty-nine of our chapters are represented here tonight, which is probably double the largest representation that we've ever had before. I am Tom Jackson out of the Rankin chapter and I have been appointed by President Drake Peddie to chair this committee. David Temple from the Dallas chapter has been appointed by President Peddie as the Vice Chairman and Secretary. I have appointed Mel Oller of the Freedom chapter to be our Zoom host and our Sergeant-at-Arms. I also appoint PG Nathan White of the McKinney chapter to be our acting Parliamentarian. I appoint Allen Henshaw of the Paul Carrington chapter to be our election judge tonight. I was State President for 2018-2019 and David was President 2019-2020.
- b. We meet tonight with the august objective of selecting a slate of officers to be presented to the delegates at the state convention on Saturday of this week. The delegates will select the officers by majority vote. This procedure is memorialized in our bylaws. If you speak tonight, please state your name and the chapter you represent.
- c. The job of the Chairman of this committee is to assemble a slate of officers for your consideration. Tradition dictates that the Chair ask all incumbent officers if they wish to run for re-election and, if so, their name is placed in the officer slate for consideration by this committee. The only non-incumbent is District 3 Vice President Candidate Peter Baron of the San Antonio chapter. District Vice Presidents must have the support of the chapters they serve.
- d. The COVID-19 pandemic forced a cancellation of the State Convention and the change of officers. Accordingly, this summer the Board of Managers met electronically and elected a slate of officers to serve until the State Convention could be held. That interim action will be ratified by the delegates at the State Convention. That action does not modify your obligation tonight.
- e. You have been provided with the initial slate of officers for consideration and David Temple will read that list. After he has read the list, I will ask if there are any challenges and those challenges will be noted. I will then call for a motion to approve the slate of uncontested officer positions and ask for a second. We will the vote on the uncontested slate using the poll feature. If everyone is comfortable using the poll feature, then we will use that approach for any and all contested elections. Should anyone not feel comfortable with the poll feature, we will use the check mark feature in the chatroom. The poll feature permits the individual vote to be secret, while the chatroom permits everyone to see how everyone else voted. For those of you who are just on the phone, you will have to announce your vote.
- f. Sergeant-at-Arms Mel Oller, please briefly explain both of these features.

2. Election of uncontested positions

- a. David Temple, please read the slate of officers for consideration (David Temple reads.) Are there any contested elections? If so, please indicate the position. I will say this a total of 3 times. I will now entertain a motion to approve the officer slate containing only the uncontested positions. Is there a second? A motion has been made and seconded, is there any discussion? Hearing none I will turn the polling feature over to Mel Oller to conduct the vote for the motion on the floor. Will those individuals who are on the phone and not on the computer please announce if you are in favor of the motion or against. Allen Henshaw and Mel Oller, please announce the results.

Nominating Committee Working Agenda

3. Contested Election

- a. We will now turn to the only contested election, which is that of Treasurer. Is there a nomination from the floor? And when you make the nomination, state the name and the chapter that you represent. Is there a second for the nomination? I am required to ask you a question: are you certain that the challenger will serve if he is elected? If your answer is no, then the nomination will be rejected by the Chair. The answer is yes, so we will proceed.
- b. The ground rules are that each candidate will be given 3 minutes to speak or have someone else speak on their behalf. They will be permitted to answer a question or two from the floor. While this occurs, the other candidate will not be in the room. Next, while both candidates are out of the room, I will open the floor for brief comments. I will bring the comments to a close and we will vote using the poll feature that Sergeant-at-Arms that Mel Oller has described.
- c. We will start with the incumbent Nick Gilliam. Allen Henshaw, you will keep the time and stop the speaker at 3 minutes. Nick, the floor is yours.
- d. Is there a question from the floor? You may submit it in chat or raise your hand. The chair picks 2 questions. Nick, you may use up to 2 minutes to answer the question.
- e. Sergeant-at-Arms Mel Oller, please escort Nick Gilliam from the room and bring in David Kinsey.
- f. Allen Henshaw, you will keep the time and stop the speaker at 3 minutes. David, the floor is yours.
- g. Is there a question from the floor? You may submit it in chat or raise your hand. The chair picks 2 questions. David, you may use up to 2 minutes to answer the question.
- h. Sergeant-at-Arms Mel Oller, please escort David Kinsey from the room.
- i. I will allocate up to 5 minutes total for general comments from the floor. Allen Henshaw, please tell me when 5 minutes are up.
- j. Compatriots, it is now time to cast your vote. Sergeant-at-Arms Mel Oller, please conduct the poll. If you are calling in, please announce your name, chapter, and your vote. Allan Henshaw and Mel Oller, do we have a result? Allan Henshaw and Mel Oller, are you satisfied that we have a fair vote and, if so, will you announce the results.
- k. _____ has been selected by the Nominating Committee to be presented as part of the officer slate at the State Convention.
- l. Compatriots, the business of the Texas SAR 2020-2021 Nominating Committee has been completed. I want to thank everyone for attending and I trust that you will have a safe drive home. This meeting is hereby adjourned.

Slate of Officers as approved by the Nominating Committee
as of August 5, 2020

President	Drake M. Peddie
President-Elect	Jim Kuykendall
Immediate Past President	David J. Temple
Secretary	Jim Clements
Communications Secretary	Sam Massey
Staff Secretary	Tracy A. Pounders
Treasurer	David Kinsey
Registrar (Coastal Group)	Jack Muggli
Registrar (Inland Group)	Jerry Brown
Chancellor	Dustin Whittenburg
Chaplain	TBD/Vacant
Historian	John Anderson
Vice President, CM&A	John M Hamlin
District 1 Vice President	Larry D. Spradlin
District 2 Vice President	Ben Pollard
District 3 Vice President	Peter Baron
District 4 Vice President	Ronald J. ("Ron") Walcik
District 5 Vice President	Bob Mearns
District 6 Vice President	Tom Van Fossen
District 7 Vice President	Ronald W. Brown
District 8 Vice President	Mel Oller
District 9 Vice President	TBD/Vacant
District 10 Vice President	William Sekef
District 11 Vice President	Ted Wilson
Trustee Nomination	David Temple
Alt. Trustee Nomination	Tom Jackson



Texas State Society
Sons of the American
Revolution

2020 State Board of Managers





Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting November 1, 2020

The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Fall Board of Managers Zoom Meeting. Pre Covid this would be a three-day event - Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The committee meetings would happen on Friday and Saturday with a banquet on Saturday night and a church service on Sunday. In the Covid atmosphere the meetings are spaced out through the week at either 6 or 7 in the evening with only two early morning meetings on Saturday.



President Drake Peddie presides over the meeting which starts with Presentation of Colors and ends with Retrieval of Colors via Zoom. This is an exceptionally well-run Zoom meeting, well organized and properly protected. Thanks to Drake and his team for a job well done!



Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting November 1, 2020



The meeting starts and ends with presentation of colors. The film clip is actually a series of photos taken at the State Cemetery in Austin for the state convention that was held in August. There are some video clips as colors are presented and the retired to the sound of the drummer. A very impressive approach.





Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting November 1, 2020



The committee meetings would happen on Friday and Saturday with a banquet on Saturday night and a church service on Sunday. In the Covid atmosphere the meetings are spaced out through the week at either 6 or 7 in the evening with only two early morning meetings on Saturday.





Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting November 1, 2020



As the IPP plus one, Compatriot Tom Jackson chairs the Patriot Metal Selection committee and deliver the vote of the committee members in announcing those compatriots who will receive the Patriot Medal at the annual convention which is held in late March of each year. The Patriot Medal is the highest award that can be given at the State level and committee membership is restricted to those who have previously received the award. Interestingly enough, March is when Congress first met under the Constitution which replaced the prior governing document.

The six Compatriots selected for the Patriot Medal in alphabetical order are:

William I. Adriance, Louis P. Colatoni, William Moore Hurst Jr.

Jack Allen Muggli, Melvin L. Oller, Larry David Spradlin

Committee Members:	Chapter	District
Chairman – Thomas I. Jackson	Robert Rankin	8
Vice Chairman - David Temple	Dallas	6
Secretary – John Hamlin	Bernardo de Galvez	7
Ron Carter	Independence	8
Wayne Courreges	Patrick Henry	4
Thomas B. Green	Alexander Hodge	7
Jim Jones	Piney Woods	8
Ron Walcik	Heart of Texas	4
Peter Baron	San Antonio	3
Nathan White	McKinney	11
Ex officio member Drake Peddie	Plano	

Patriot Medal Committee
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Patriot Medal Selection Committee



The Patriot Medal selection committee meets via Zoom.

Every member of the committee must be a Patriot Medal Awardee. There are most likely could guess that there are only about 150 of us living in Texas at this time. We can award zero up to six medals this year.

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received **ONLY** once. It represents long, faithful, and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. Service at the national level cannot be considered in making the award.

Each State Society may award one Patriot Medal annually. Larger State Societies are entitled to one additional medal for each 500 members.

Patriot Medal Committee
Tuesday, November 10, 2020



2020 Patriot Medal Selection Committee

Top Row (L-R): John Hamlin, Chairman Tom Jackson, Ron Walcik, Ron Carter

Middle Row (L-R): Jim Jones, Nathan White, Peter Baron, Vice Chair David Temple

Bottom Row (L-R): Wayne Courreges, Tom Green, Zoom Host Sam Massey, Texas SAR State President Drake Peddie.

Patriot Medal Selection Committee Meeting via Zoom

November 10, 2020

Committee Members:	Chapter	District
Chairman – Thomas I. Jackson	Robert Rankin	8
Vice Chairman - David Temple	Dallas	6
Secretary – John Hamlin	Bernardo de Galvez	7
Ron Carter	Arlington	5
Wayne Courreges	Patrick Henry	4
Thomas B. Green	Alexander Hodge	7
Jim Jones	Piney Woods	8
Ron Walcik	Heart of Texas	4
Peter Baron	San Antonio	3
Nathan White	McKinney	11
Ex officio member Drake Peddie	Plano	
Guests		
Sam Massey	Paul Carrington	7

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Jackson at 7:05 pm.

He appointed John Hamlin as Secretary and time keeper. He also appointed Sam Massey and David Temple as Election Judges. He noted that Sam Massey was our Zoom host.

Chairman Jackson welcomed all members of the committee. He reviewed the Agenda for the meeting. He asked PG Nathan White and former VPG Jim Jones to make welcoming comments which they did. Texas State President Drake Peddie joined the meeting telephonically and made introductory comments.

Chairman Jackson reviewed the selection criteria for members of the committee. These are noted as an attachment to these minutes.

Chairman Jackson then noted the criteria for the Patriot Medal to the committee members:

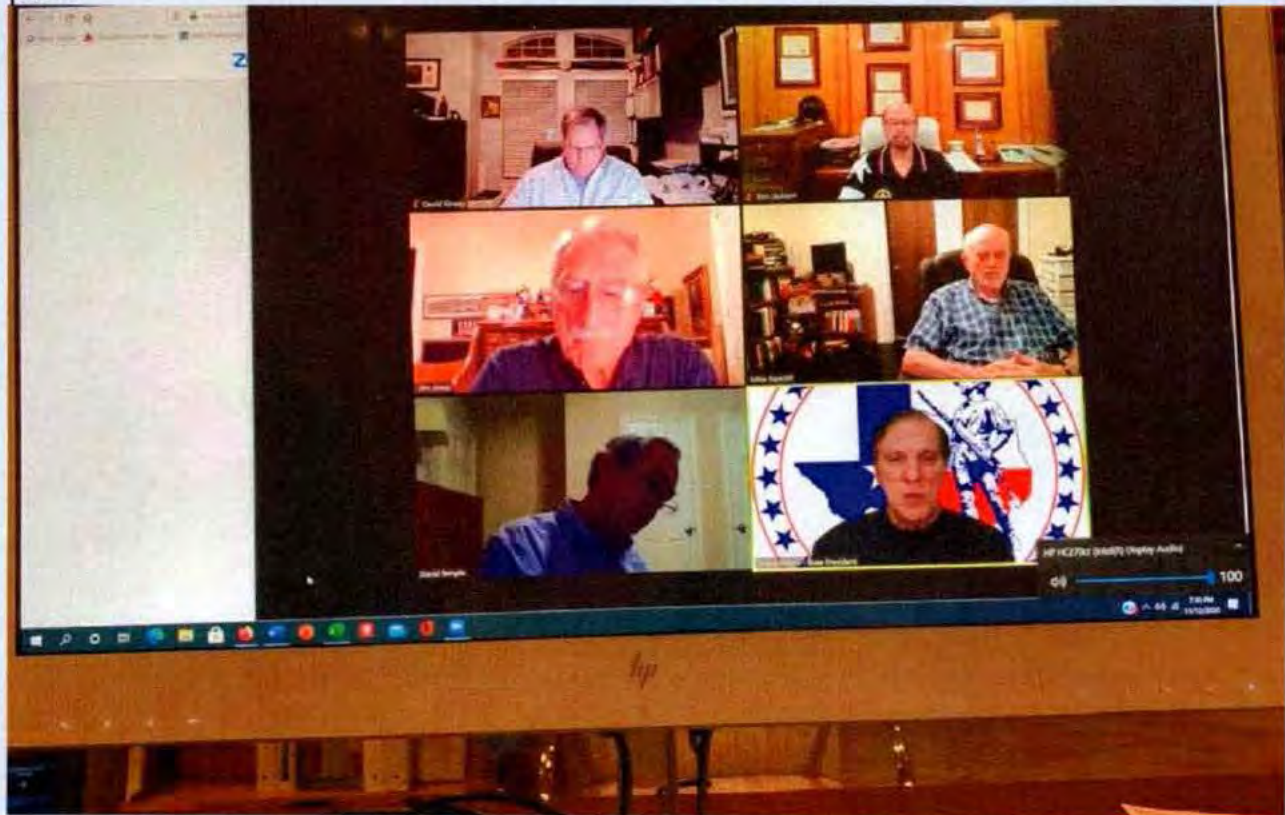
“In the Texas Society, we can award six (6) medals because our membership in good standing at December 31, 2020 was more than 3,000 and less than 3,500.” State Secretary Jim Clements affirmed that the Texas Society membership in good standing as of December 31, 2020 was more than 3,000 and less than 3,500. The National Handbook provides: **MEDALS AWARDED BY A STATE SOCIETY TO COMPATRIOTS FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR** “The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. Thus, we do not recognize service such as military service, charitable service, religious service unless there is a component of service to the SAR.

Perpetual Fund Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Perpetual Fund Committee meeting. Most lineage societies permit a member to pay dues each year or purchase a life membership. We are no different. This committee keeps track of those members who have purchased a membership and reviews the investment account where the funds have been deposited.

An interesting financial reporting consideration that only CPAs would enjoy commiserating about is the proper reporting of the associated liability. On a full accrual approach the liability would show up on the balance sheet but our approach is modified cash which means it's footnote disclosure only. The calculation is interesting because you have to use actuarial tables to calculate life expectancy and then calculate future dues required to be paid.



Committee Members

Top Row (L-R): David Kinney & Tom Jackson

Middle Row (L-R): Jim Jones & Mike Radcliff

Bottom Row (L-R): David Temple & Texas SAR State President Drake Peddie

09/03/2020 2 to 3

Jim Maples

GW has three endowment funds, 2,353,000 as of 08/31/2020

Buck Meek, Howard Horne, GW Fund

These were never funded, since January

Meek Fund 20K, as of July 31 42K

Horne 14.6K, 36K

Awards will soon be a thousand or more.

This is under the SAR, not the foundation

IN 40 months we raised \$267 K

Daryl Addington maintains the list of GW members

Feb 1993 is when it started

Consider taking updonations for the CAR President



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
2020

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA



130TH SAR
CONGRESS





The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876

ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

March 31, 2020

Dear National Trustee:

The leadership of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution knows that the last several weeks have been challenging. We continue to navigate the rapidly changing COVID-19 environment, especially as it pertains to our upcoming 130th Annual Congress in Richmond, Virginia.

However, this letter requests a ballot vote from the Board of Trustees on the following motion:

That full authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to determine, at the appropriate time, and as it applies solely to the 2020 Annual Congress, whether it is desirable to hold a one day Congress, a two day Congress, a full Congress or no Congress, and that full power be reposed in the Executive Committee to make the final determination of the format, place, and the time.

Because we understand that the National Trustees may have questions regarding this motion, we have tried to provide some answers in this letter.

Why are we seeking approval of this motion?

Although the National Society remains focused on hosting our Annual Congress in Richmond from July 11-15, 2020—and continues to work with the Virginia Society congress planning committee—the COVID-19 pandemic has required contingency planning. As a result of this unprecedented pandemic, the National Society must be mindful of—and make decisions based on—the health and wellbeing of our Compatriots, local conditions on ground in Virginia, timelines and other deadlines imposed on the National Society by the Richmond Marriott hotel and the NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws, and any issues that may arise with the previously-selected Richmond-area venues. Social distancing guidelines, orders issued by local authorities (stay-at-home, shelter-in-place, or mandatory self-quarantine orders for travelers entering a state), and other travel restrictions may continue to change between now and the start of the Annual Congress. The existing requirements for noticing and holding a meeting of the Board of Trustees may not provide the necessary flexibility during the current emergency.

What authority supports the above Motion?

“In an emergency,” Article V, § 1 of the Constitution of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution provides that “the time and location of an Annual Congress may be changed *by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees voting upon the question by mail*; provided that votes by mail shall be postmarked to the Executive Director within ten days after the solicitation of said votes; and provided further, that not less than twenty-six Trustees shall have voted.” NSSAR Bylaw 16, § 7 corresponds to this by providing that the Board of Trustees may use a ballot to change the location of an Annual Congress.

NSSAR Bylaw 16, § 5 provides, in relevant part, that “[t]he Board of Trustees may authorize the Executive Committee to perform such duties of the Board it may deem necessary between meetings of the Board of Trustees.” NSSAR Bylaw 18, § 2(b) also provides that the Executive Committee “shall perform such duties as may be committed to it by and Annual Congress of the Society, or by the Trustees.”

Has the Board of Trustees ever delegated this type of authority to the Executive Committee?

Yes. While our experience with emergency situations fortunately has been limited, the National Society did cancel the 1945 Annual Congress (although the 1918 Congress did not contain a quorum and no business was conducted). In preparing this letter, research indicated that at the May 18, 1944 Board of Trustees meeting held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the Board of Trustees approved a nearly-identical motion to that worded above, delegating to the Executive Committee the authority to determine whether a Congress would be advisable during the remaining years of World War II.

During its February 17, 1945 meeting in Washington, D.C., the Executive Committee, utilizing the authority previously provided by the Board of Trustees, unanimously approved the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that because of travel conditions and the ruling of the Office of Defense Transportation, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will not hold its Annual Congress in May, 1945.”

President General Smith L. Multer wrote that “no Congress could have convened that would have met the requirements laid down by the Office of Defense Transportation. There is no provision in the Constitution of our National Society that would permit the limiting of the number of delegates and members entitled to attend a Congress so as to come within the requirements of the ODT.” *The Sons of the American Revolution Magazine*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 4 at p. 200 (April 1945). While not identical, the travel restrictions that lead to the cancellation of the 1945 Annual Congress are similar in nature to the current limitations on group size and social distancing found in some state governors’ emergency declarations.

If the Trustees delegate authority to the Executive Committee, what will happen?


In the short-term, the Executive Committee will continue to work under the assumption that COVID-19 will not cancel the Annual Congress in Richmond. Notwithstanding, the Executive Committee will begin working on and finalizing plans for alternative methods to conduct the business normally required at an Annual Congress. The Executive Committee has already placed a standing teleconference call on its calendar to address these issues, while complying with the necessary notice provisions of the Bylaws. Unlike the situation faced by the Executive Committee in 1945, we have additional technology and tools available to the National Society today. Congress might look different from prior years, but the decisions will be made with the health and wellbeing of our Compatriots in mind and in compliance with the decisions of local authorities.

All that is being asked today is that the Board of Trustees delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to make the necessary decisions regarding holding the Annual Congress—and any changes to the format of an Annual Congress—that are required by the COVID-19 pandemic and related states of emergency. Specific plans will be provided as soon as it appears necessary to implement an alternative format Annual Congress.

In Patriotic Service,


John T. Manning

President General, 2019-2020

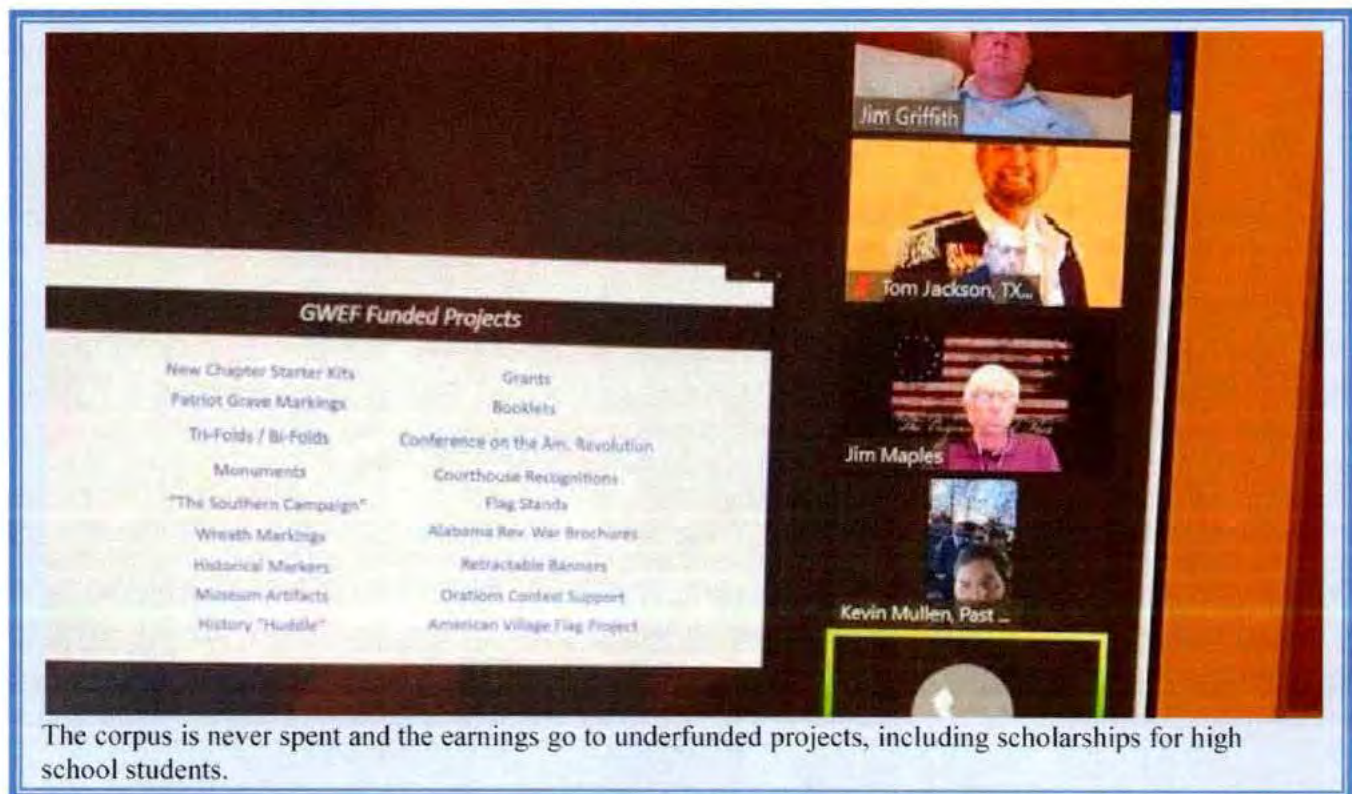

Davis Lee Wright
Secretary General

GWEF Committee

Thursday, September 3, 2020



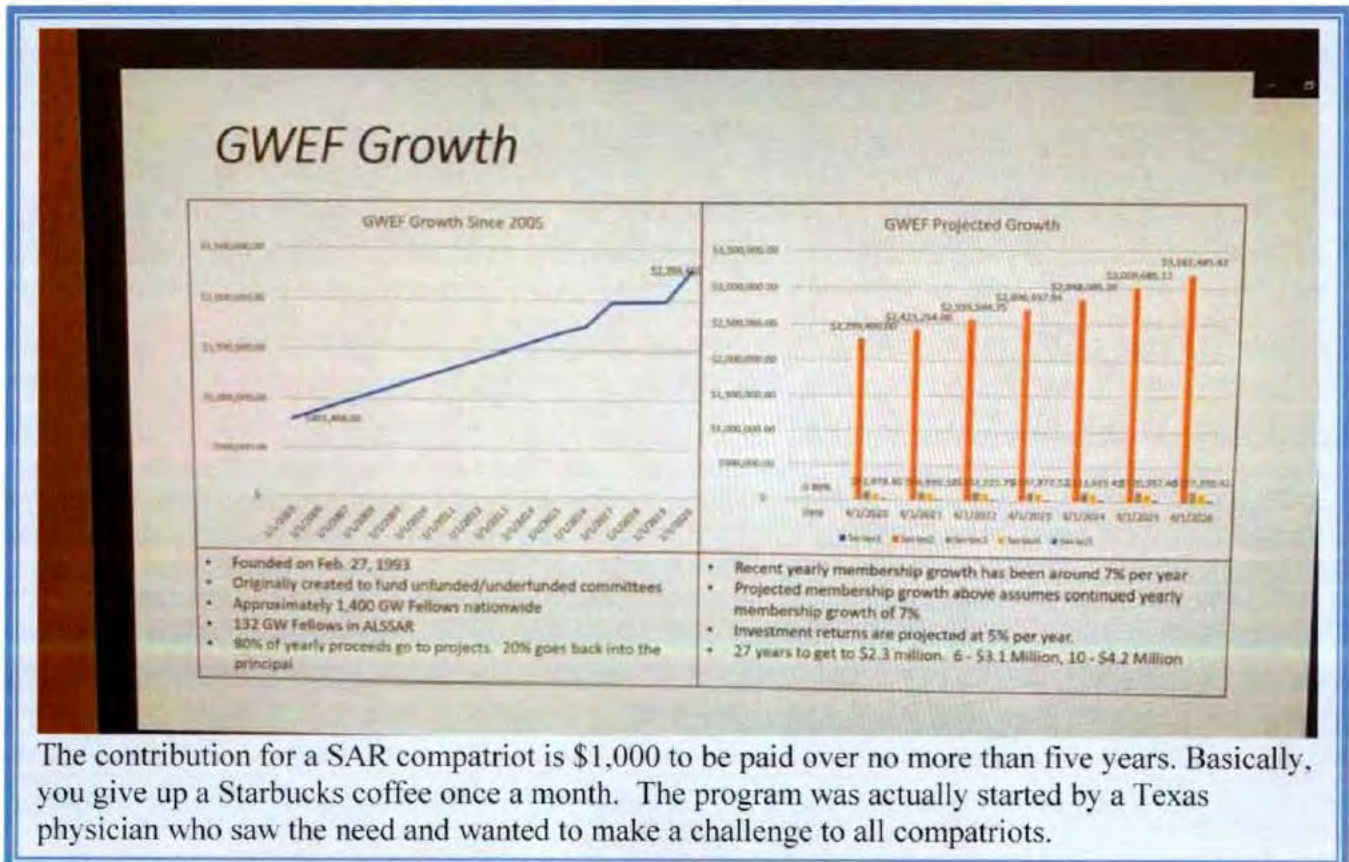
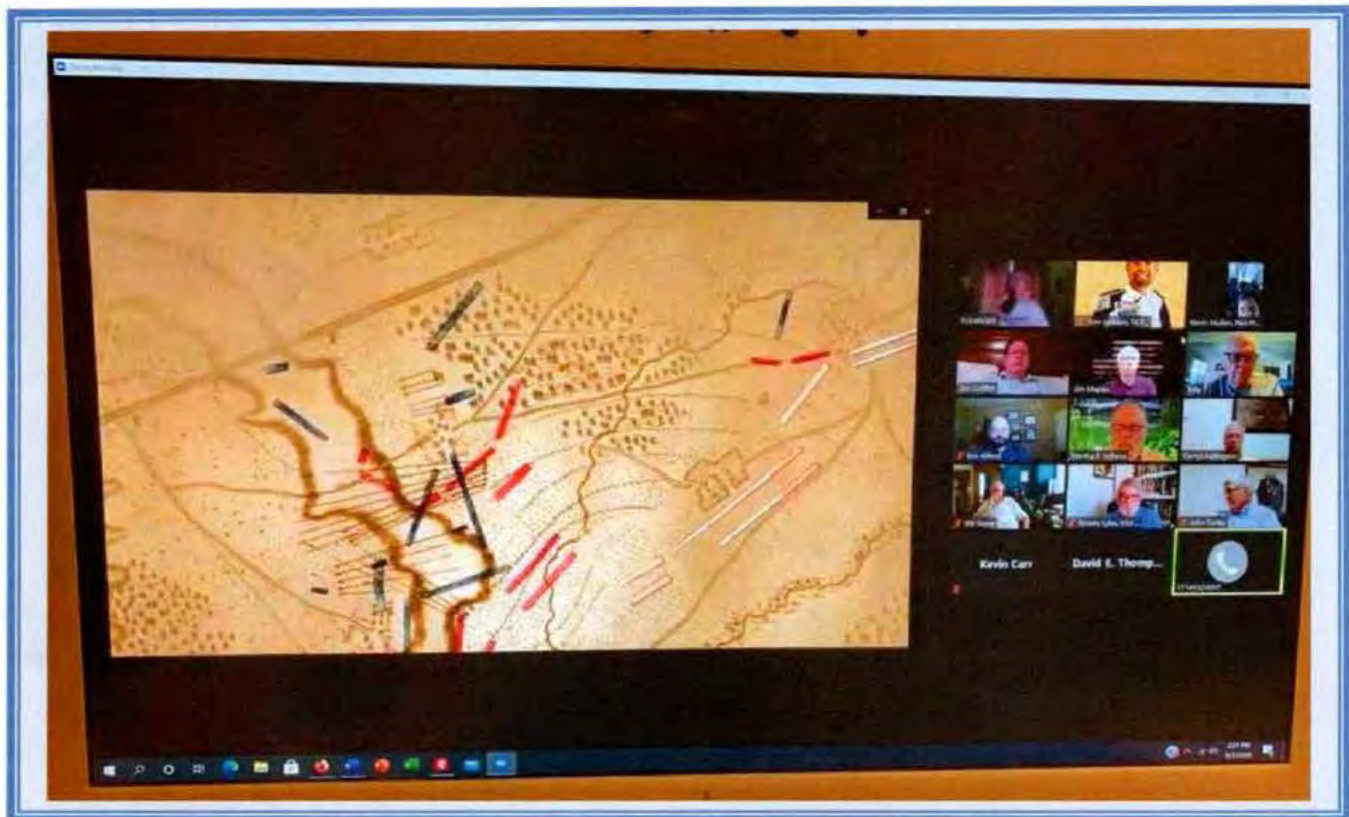
The George Washington Endowment Fund Committee meeting introduced us to the new Chairman and was a review of the use of the funds and the purpose in its creation. In brief, the GWEF is meant to be a legacy for every man.



The corpus is never spent and the earnings go to underfunded projects, including scholarships for high school students.

GWEF Committee

Thursday, September 3, 2020



The contribution for a SAR compatriot is \$1,000 to be paid over no more than five years. Basically, you give up a Starbucks coffee once a month. The program was actually started by a Texas physician who saw the need and wanted to make a challenge to all compatriots.

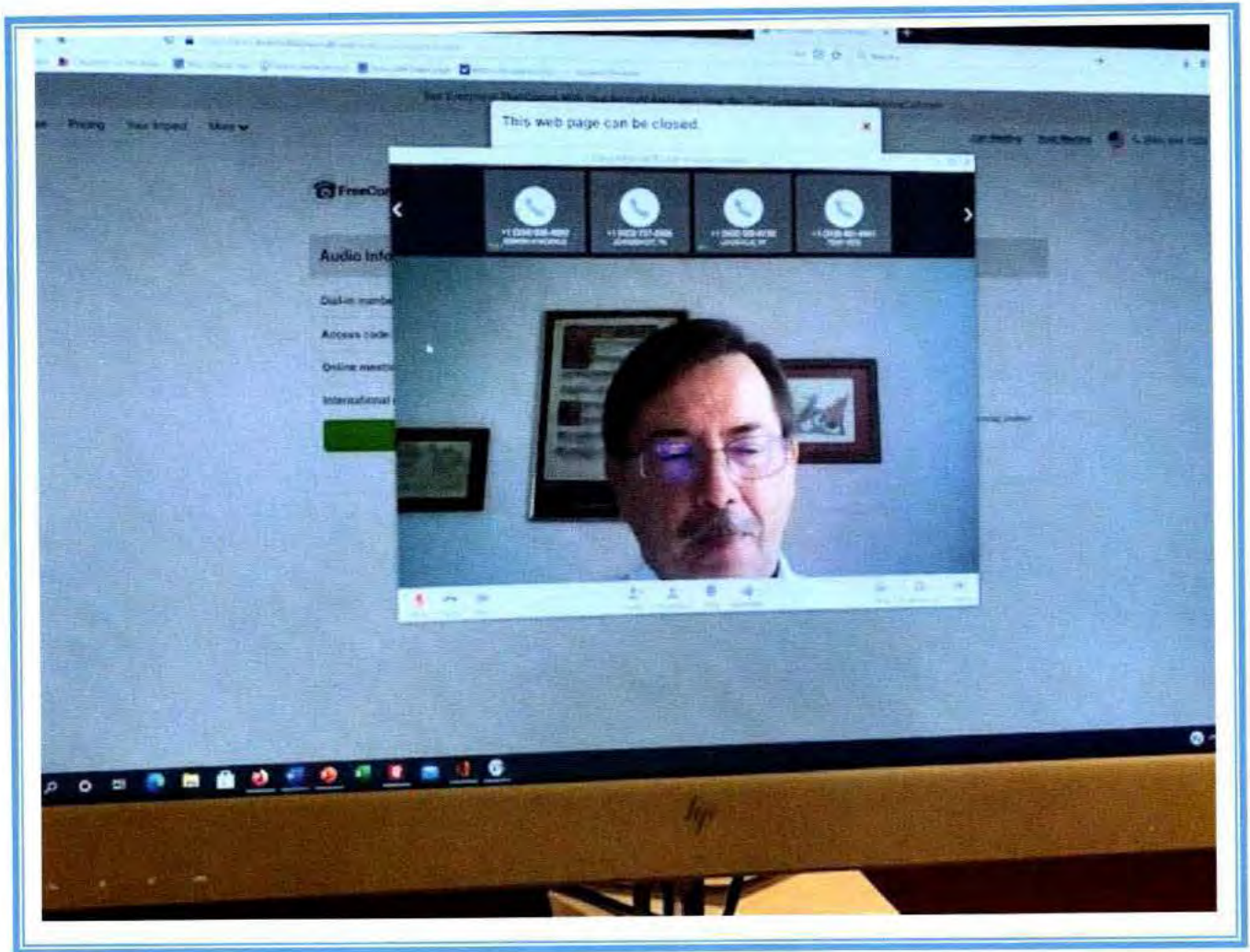
Audit Committee
Monday, September 7, 2020



Education Committee
Tuesday, September 8, 2020



Museum Board
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

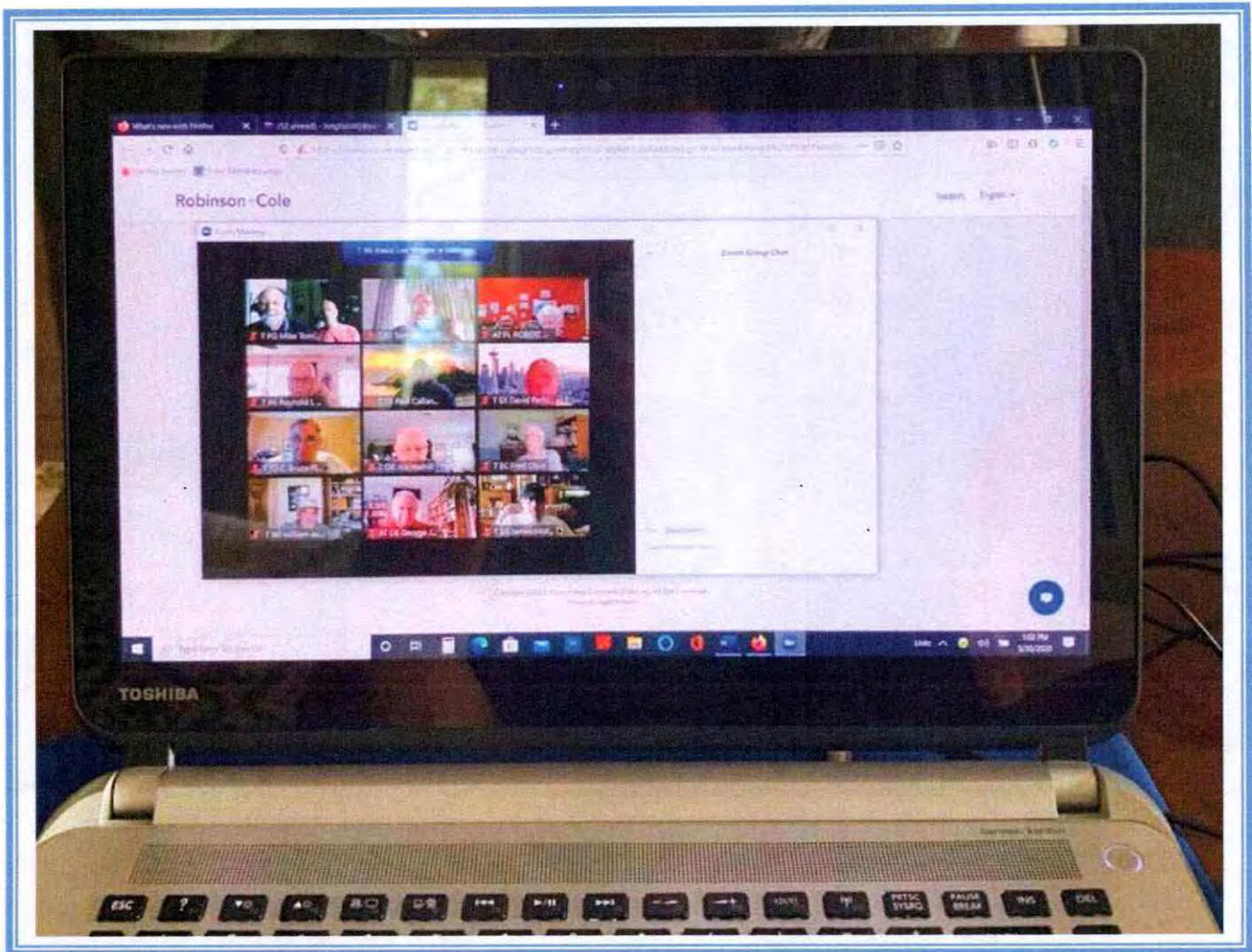


Combined Investment, Budget, and Audit Committee
Tuesday, September 22, 2020



Folded paper can be used to hide the camera or information that is confidential. This was a good meeting and a lot of ground was covered. Zoom meetings typically last longer than they would in person; Compatriot Tom Jackson saved considerable time and expense by not flying to Louisville for the meeting, although, you do lose the comradery.

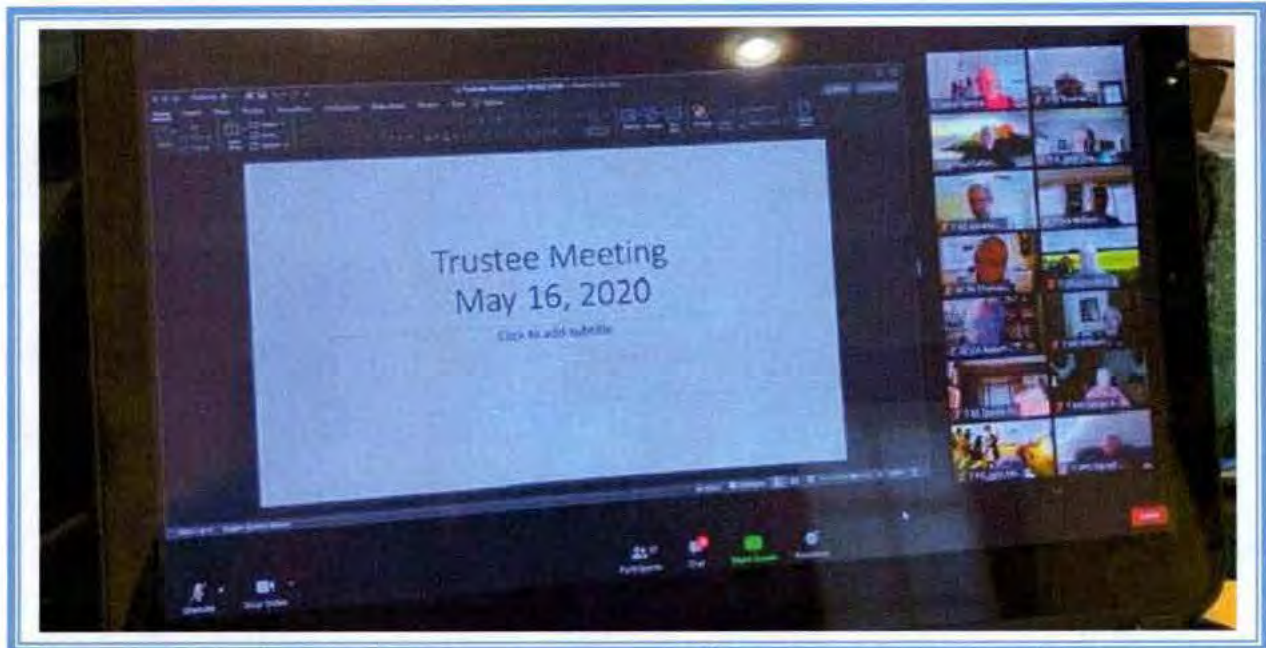
Executive Committee
Saturday, May 30, 2020



Zoom meetings for the Executive Committee of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution. Although Compatriot Tom Jackson is no longer a member of the Texas Executive Committee, he was invited due to his role at National. We are going ahead with our state convention. The state convention will proceed as revised and will be held in Montgomery County. Hotels there are preparing for full convention business, but the planners will embrace social distancing for the committee meetings. It remains to be seen what other changes will be in the offing. The National Congress to be held in Richmond, Virginia is cancelled due to "impossibility".

Trustees meeting for the Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, May 16, 2020



There was a Zoom trustee meeting which started at 1:06 P.M and concluded at 1:42 P.M.

1. National HQ will open on May 18th and staff regular hours will commence on May 26th. 412 applications have been processed since the closing. Processing time has slipped from seven weeks to eight weeks.
2. The SBA PPP loan has been funded. The reauthorization of the LOC has been started but will proceed in earnest in the coming week. Bank terms will become more restrictive in more likelihood.
3. PG Manning will be asking all State Presidents to poll the membership of their state to determine which delegates would be attending Congress should the decision to hold Congress in person still occur. The request will have a reply back of May 29th.
4. Paul Callanan gave an update on the 2020 National Congress.
 - a. Registration for the Congress will be posted on or after May 29th.
 - b. If Congress is canceled a full refund would be issued and all rooms reserved under the SAR block would be canceled as well. The Governor of Virginia has a Stay at Home order in effect until June 10th.
 - c. The cancellation clause for the hotel would be a loss of approximately \$325,000. Marriott has indicated that if the Congress were held, they would waive all minimums of food & beverage and room take down.
 - d. Va Gov. Northam will permit localities maintain tighter coronavirus restrictions
 - e. It was estimated that Marriott might need 4 to 6 weeks to be able to bring the hotel back on line.
5. The Executive Committee will make a decision on National Congress on May 29th. The options remain:
 - a. A in person Congress
 - b. A virtual Congress
 - c. A hybrid Congress
 - d. There was a lengthy discussion prompted by trustee questions who wanted clarification that the Executive Committee was considering all nuances of Congress. Concern was expressed that there were negative side effects associated with exposure to the virus.
6. A motion was to reconvene the Trustee meeting on May 20th at 2:00pm Eastern time and 1:00pm Central was approved.
7. Note: Also in attendance were PG White & PF Lawrence.

Trustees meeting for the Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, May 30, 2020



The National Trustee's Meeting started at 1:05 PM CST.

Secretary General Davis Wright was the presiding officer. President General Manning was not present due to an accident, but he would return to his duties in just a few days.

1. Financial update.
 - 1a. PPP loan. It is anticipated that the law will be revised that you have 24 weeks to use the funds instead of 8 weeks. If this were to happen, the entire loan of \$273,250 would be forgiven. The SBA has issued loan forgiveness application and the appropriate document would be completed in the near future.
 - 1b. Line of credit. A teleconference is scheduled for June 1 to explore an early renewal or changing the terms to be longer than a year. Preliminary discussion indicates that may not be possible.
2. Merchandise.
 - 2a. June 1 is slated for the full opening.
 - 2b. Merchandise is currently processing orders on backlog and working those dated April 14. Standard 2-3 day processing is expected to be reached by June 15.
 - 2c. Supply of merchandise may be constrained due to supply chain difficulties.
3. National Congress updates.
 - 3a. The Congress has been canceled and the Richmond Marriott has waived all costs due to impossibility of hosting a convention. Paul Callanan is awaiting notice from Hilton, the secondary hotel, where the cancellation exposure is \$6,000. He is handling all hotel cancellations that were in the block and the notification should be sent by the hotel by mid-June. If the cancellation notice has not been received, please contact Paul Callanan.
 - 3b. All committees should submit their report by July 1.
 - 3c. All officers and trustees will remain in office for the next year. This is because National Officers are elected at National Congress and with no National Congress this

Trustees meeting for the Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, September 26, 2020



Trustees Report

I have submitted three written trustee reports covering the time of my last published report to the Staff Secretary for filing and publication. I still serve as a Trustee because Trustees are only elected at a National Congress and the 2020 National Congress this year was cancelled for impossibility of performance. At the request of President Peddie I withdrew my resignation so Texas would co

The highlights are as follows:

1. National Congress was cancelled with no financial cost to the Society.
2. We trustees approved the expenditure of funds to protect the statue and the headquarters building in Louisville to include impact resistant film on glass windows, a security wall, and a military grade security tarp to protect the statue.
3. Fall Leadership in person has been cancelled, but will be conducted virtually. Personal safety was cited as the compelling reason.
4. PPP
5. Line of Credit
6. Lineage applications are being processed and are almost back to the level as before. Years ago Texas as a society supported the preference of greater asset allocation for new applications over supplementals. A personal observation if we want to increase our dues to cover direct, indirect, and fixed costs for additional genealogists for faster processing
7. Trustees asked about a motion to address the issues with statues. The PG was very clear. We are a 501c3 and neither National, State, Chapter or a Compatriot has a position. Individuals may take positions they want as long as there is nor SAR affiliation.
8. We will be voting and adopting new logos. The four finalists are shown.
9. Is the logo distinctive among the crowd to identify the company?
10. Is the logo visible and interpreted at a glance even in black and white?
11. Is the logo adaptable to different reproduction in tangible and/or virtual media?
12. Is the logo memorable, unforgettable to a broad audience?
13. Is the logo universal to appeal consistently to a diverse range of people?
14. Is the logo timeless?
15. Is the logo simple and effective?

Trustees meeting for the Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, December 5, 2020



The National Trustee's Meeting started at 12:03 PM CST.

President General Manning was the presiding officer. Attending from Texas PG Nathan White and Tom Jackson; others may have been present. The prior Trustee meeting of Saturday, 26 September 2020 minutes were approved. These are the high points.

Financial update.

1. PPP loan of \$273,250 paperwork for forgiveness was approved by SBA.
2. Line of credit. Nothing new to report.
3. National Congress updates.
 - a. Motion passed to call a special Congress on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10am in the greater Washington DC Metro area.
 - b. Required notice to Trustees & State Presidents & Secretaries no later than Saturday, February 13, 2021.
 - c. Delegates will require a minimum of 25 to be in good standing as of December 31, 2020 as specified by National ByLaw No. 23.
 - d. Registration fee of \$100.
 - e. Purpose of the Special Congress is to amend governing documents to permit virtual congress.
 - f. National Congress for Renton, Washington is still a go.
4. UK Society was declared suspended.
 - a. Question for the Executive Committee & Board of Managers. Should Texas SAR take steps to amend the By Laws to suspend the charter of a Chapter should it be unable to be active?
5. New logo selection.
 - a. Copyright is still in process. Do not post the new logo in the public domain as it may cripple the copyright application.

NSSAR Special Trustee Meeting

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Teleconference

Call Meeting to Order – PG John T. “Jack” Manning 2:05 pm

Invocation by Chaplain General Rev. David Felts

SG Davis Lee Wright established that we have a quorum.

Motion 1 by SG Davis Wright – That the minutes be approved as distributed. Second by Pat Niemann (FL). No discussion. Minutes were approved.

Fall Leadership Update: PG Jack Manning stated that the Fall Leadership meeting at Louisville has been canceled. There will be a virtual meeting on Saturday September 26.

Approval of changes to SAR Logo Contest:

Motion 2 by W. Allen Greenly, read by PG John T. “Jack” Manning – That the NSSAR Trustees replace the current SAR Symbol, that is the depiction of a Minuteman poised with a firearm held horizontally across his torso, by choosing one of the four finalists in the NSSAR New Symbol contest, such judging to take place at the NSSAR Trustee meeting to be held in conjunction with the 2020 Fall Leadership meeting, and that depictions of the four finalists be placed in a NSSAR Sharefile for review prior to the Trustee meeting.

Robert Moore (HI) asked what the effective date of the newly approved logo. PG Jack Manning stated it would be almost immediately. Motion passed. Logos will be placed on the Sharefile.

Approval of PG appointments to fill vacancies:

PG Jack Manning announced that Darrell Hefley (OK), VPG for the South-Central District, resigned effective July 25, 2020. PG Manning stated that he would appoint Larry Stevens (TX) to the vacated position. Per earlier guidance, VPG Stevens would have the rights and duties of a Vice President General, but would not be a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Motion 3 by PG Warren Alter – I move the Trustees approve the PG appointment of Larry Stevens (TX) as the Vice President General of the South-Central District. Seconded by Paul Callanan (MI). No discussion. Motion passed.

Status of application for PPP Loan forgiveness:

TG C. Bruce Pickette reported that the application has not been submitted for the PPP loan forgiveness yet. All remaining loan funds must be used by the next payroll period. We should not have any problems obtaining that forgiveness, which will be completed by August or September.

Update on the Line of Credit:

TG Pickette reported that the line of credit renewal process has not started with Fifth Third Bank. The bank had promised that they would attempt to arrange the processing during the month of July. We are hopeful that by the end of July, we will have it. The forms are ready to be signed.

Update on New Store Software:

TG Pickette reported that the Nexternal software has been implemented, went live this month and members have been ordering. We now have an on-line engraving option and the credit card processing is working. We have 3 or 4 issues to fix. A sales tax issue that should be resolved within a few days. Biggest issue appears to be a missing inventory model that would allow customer to see live inventory numbers. The Executive Committee is addressing the issue and we believe the module will be in place next week. It was also noted that this new software, in addition to tying into our accounting software, also provides a number of useful reports that were unavailable in the old Blackstone-create store.

Building safety, security, and maintenance items updates:

Executive Director Don Shaw stated that the building is secure and untouched. On the museum side, an internal security 30' high wall of plywood on the inside of façade was completed yesterday. It will also be used to secure the building when the facade is restored. The Glare 3M security film will be installed next Thursday, Friday and Saturday on the library windows and the lower level windows.

Looking at several options for covering the statue, without trying to bring attention to it. One option is a canvas cover, working to get a cost and how to secure in place.

Headquarters staff is back at full operations since the day after Memorial Day. Everybody is back in the building, except for the genealogists, who coordinate themselves about coming into the building and working remotely because of the six-foot spacing requirement.

Leslie Miller, a part time supplemental genealogist is leaving. GG Jim Faulkinbury asked that he be involved with the hiring of a replacement.

Building Facade Restoration:

Ken Goodson reported that the estimated cost is about \$150,000 and that the sourcing of about half the money has been identified. Most of the materials will be maintenance free. The windows on the building will all be UV coated. The doors themselves will be secured with steel plates. The doors were all sized appropriately so that Solid Light can move materials in and out. The next step is the Historical Society needs to approve the plans. Plans will be finalized next week and approval from the Historical Society could occur between 2-4 weeks after that. If Trustees can approve the plans before September, it will be possible to have this completed by Thanksgiving.

Approval Times for New Applications and Supplementals:

Executive Director Don Shaw stated that new are about 4 weeks and supplementals is about 19 weeks.

Solid Light Update:

HG Bill Stone stated that Solid light is going to need both the front entrance and the proposed large elevator in the back of the building. Looking at the timeline for finishing the museum plans, which will be about eight months and then start working on construction as the money is available. Construction is broken down into venues and galleries. Timeline is now critical. The elevator for the building provides a lot of advantages for the rooftop garden, the build out for the museum and for bringing people in and out of the building.

Kenneth Goodson noted that the elevator if approved today, it would take six or more months to be completed. It is critical for a building. Because the façade work will be specialized with many small components, many different contractors will be involved, so multiple bids will not be possible. To be able to get approval from the historical society we will have a list of each line item, it will be extremely specific and detailed.

TG Pickette stated that we are not looking to necessarily put the elevator in at this time. The first step in that elevator process is to get elevator drawing then we need to build it out. That is a separate quote that I would recommend the executive committee take up later.

PG Manning stated that we tentatively schedule August 29 for a trustees meeting if everything goes as planned with the façade plans and the historical committee.

Member Database Update:

James Osbourn (MO) reported that the member database team is currently working to combine three databases into one authoritative source. There is data cleanup to do and there are missing fields, conflicting fields and some misaligned data that needs to be cleaned up and the team is working with Mission Data to create a plan for how to do that in a stepwise fashion so that we don't lose anything and keep the good things that we want in place. The team is meeting weekly.

Other:

PG Jack Manning stated that Congress report book is now on Sharefile, and a virtual Trustee meeting has been scheduled for December 5. Spring Leadership is on March 4 to 6, 2021.

SG Wright asked that with respect to the Fall leadership, we encourage all committees to meet the week beforehand. And to reach out to the general officer and liaison, who should be able to get you either a zoom Host set up so that you can have your committee meeting or if you have a different way of meeting, that's fine too. Also stated that the SAR is looking at switching from GoToMeeting to Zoom and to have the ability to have hosting accounts for the general officers to set up for the committees that they are responsible for.

VPG Larry Mylnechuk asked that with mostly peaceful protests going on around the country, Is there any public position statements that we are allowed to give regarding the SAR. PG Manning stated that we cannot involve the SAR as an organization in any direct or indirect manner.

Robert Anderson (AL) asked that with no Fall Leadership can we release the winners of the Brochure and Poster contests. PG Manning said they can release them now.

Paul Callanan (MI) asked that the members please wait to cancel because we have not officially told the hotel that we are canceling Fall Leadership. We are also trying to shift the current reservations for the Spring Leadership. We will notify everyone as soon as we know how we are going to be shifting all those reservations.

PG Warren Alter noted that a Zoom virtual candidates forum will be on the Thursday of when Fall Leadership would have been. More detail on this will be on SAR Officer. Secondly, candidates are not allowed to announce it any official meetings, such as Trustee meetings.

Benediction by Chaplain General David Felts.

Meeting Adjourned by PG John T. "Jack" Manning at 3:01 P.M.

Minutes prepared July 30, 2020 by Executive Member David J. Perkins

Attendance:

Voting Executive Committee Members Present: President General John T. "Jack" Manning (NH), Secretary General Davis L. Wright (DE), Treasurer General C. Bruce Pickette (AL), Chancellor General Peter Davenport (VA), PG Warren M. Alter (AZ), David Boring (DC), Fred Olive (AL), John Dodd (CA), David J. Perkins (CT)

Others: See attached attendee list from Zoom Teleconference session.

Attachments:

1. Zoom Teleconference attendee list.
2. Agenda

~~MASTERY~~

1/3 OF
YOUNG
MEN

30 MIL VS 50 MIL
ALL CASUALTIES GROUP 2 DAYS
OF SHAW

8/29/20

TRUSTEE MEETING

1846-1861

NOTE LINCOLN TO S. H.

FACADE PROJECT

ACCELERATE TO PROTECT

GLAZING

135,000

WITH BIDS

OUT OF

176,000

MINOR ITEMS NO QUOTE

GLAZING

24 K

MILLWORK

53 K

MILLWORK INSTALL

394 K

PAINTING

7 K

} BOTH WORKED
ON LIBRARY
PROJECT

APPROVE FACADE IMPROVEMENTS

NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000

APPROVE USING LINE OF CREDIT

SET UP TO \$100,000

FOR THE FACADE IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

SEP 26, 1PM EASTERN

CANVAS COME IN A WEEK

BROWN HOTEL CANCELS & BOOKS

SEPTEMBER 15 STATE OF UNION

National Society SAR Trustees

Teleconference

Saturday, 26 September 2020

Draft Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President General John T. "Jack" Manning at 1:06 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain General Rev. David Felts.

The Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Secretary General Davis L. Wright.

The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General C. Bruce Pickette.

PG John T. "Jack" Manning appointed John Berg as Parliamentarian

2. The former President Generals in attendance were introduced and gave brief greetings: PG Nathan White, PG Bruce Wilcox, PG David Sympton, PG Joseph Dooley, PG Lindsey Brock, and PG Warren Alter.
3. Several gifts were presented to the SAR.
4. Swearing in of new Trustees that had not previously been sworn in.
5. SG Wright stated his report is in the Report Book on Sharefile. Handbook Committee report is in the Report Book.

Executive Committee Report by SG Davis L. Wright

The following were approved by the Executive Committee:

1. Award of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander by the Tennessee Society.
2. Veterans Committee modifications to USS Stark Award points due to the pandemic.
3. Color Guard Committee modifications to points system due to pandemic.

No further action on these items required by the Board of Trustees.

The following are recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees:

A large percentage of the SAR's Education Outreach mission involves interaction with youth, be it through our Youth Awards Programs, Traveling Trunk presentations, speaking engagements in schools or through Color Guard activities. This will only increase as we ramp up towards the recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation. We owe it to the children we interact with, their parents and the organization to keep them and our compatriots safe. There is an online Youth Protection Course available on the eLearning Portal of the National Website developed by CTO Mick Pitzer that is available to all compatriots. National Officers should lead the organization in this effort. Training will be good for 3 years and BSA YPT training cannot be substituted.

MOTION 1: That all elected General Officers complete the online NSSAR Youth Protection Training program within three months of their election, appointment, or if they are currently serving, within three months of the adoption of this resolution. Further, a list of those who have not completed the training shall be provided to the Executive Committee, meeting in Executive Session, for resolution. Motion made by SG Wright. Brief discussion including how to

access this training via the eLearning Portal tab on the main SAR website. Amendment to the motion was defeated. Motion approved.

Continuing the Rationale and discussion regarding YPT as stated in Motion #1. Members of the Education Committee ought to be setting the example for their State Societies in the YPT for those compatriots involved in Education Outreach initiatives.

MOTION 2: That a requirement of serving on the National Education Committee and the C.A.R.-S.A.R. Liaison Committee is to complete the NSSAR Youth Protection Training within three months of their appointment or the passing of this resolution. The Chairman of the Committee is authorized to submit a list to the President General of committee members who have not complied with this requirement as grounds for their removal from the committee.

Motion made by SG Wright. Motion Approved.

Continuing the Rationale and discussion regarding YPT as stated in Motion #1. Members of the any committees dealing with youth contests, education outreach or education in general, ought to be setting the example for their State Societies in YPT.

MOTION 3: That all chairs and vice-chairs of national committees complete the SAR online Youth Protection Training program within three months of their appointment or the adoption of this resolution and a list of non-complying Compatriots to be briefed in executive session of the Executive Committee. Motion made by SG Wright. Brooks Lyles stated that a quarterly report will be made available to track training. Motion approved.

To update the Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement so that the Bylaw 19 Standing Committees, which have an oversight or governance role in the Society, are required to complete the Conflict of Interest statement.

MOTION 4: That the Conflict of Interest Policy is extended to include the members of the Bylaw 19 Standing Committee, the Conflict of Interest Statement is updated to reflect this change, and that, effective immediately, the current members of those standing committees will complete the Conflict of Interest Statement. Motion made by SG Wright. Motion approved.

The Budget Committee has prepared the 2021 Budget Package for review and approval by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Budget Package.

MOTION 5: That the 2021 Budget Package as presented by the Chairman of the Budget Committee is adopted. Motion made by SG Wright. Budget Chairman Popham presented an extensive review of the 2021 budget. Discussion ensued. Motion approved.

The SAR Foundation Board has sought to clarify the purpose of the SAR Founders' Circle. The Executive Committee reviewed the policy and recommends approval by the Board of Trustees.

MOTION 6: That the SAR Founders' Circle Policy, as attached to this motion, is approved.

Motion made by SG Wright. PG Dooley spoke to this resolution and its purpose to build the Alexander Hamilton endowment fund. Motion approved.

The 250th Anniversary Committee would like to implement a program to recognize the patriot sons and daughters. This program would greatly benefit those compatriots that live West of the Mississippi and have very few patriots to honor with the traditional grave marking program. The committee has agreed supply the initial order of the Patriot Sons and Daughters Medallions to the national store.

MOTION 7: That the Patriot Sons and Daughters Program as outlined by the 250th Anniversary Committee be approved as attached. Motion made by SG Wright. Brief discussion followed. Motion approved.

Next Trustee Meeting: SG Wright stated the next meeting will be Dec 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Reports:

6. TG C. Bruce Pickett reported the SAR 990 for 2019 was made available in September and has been reviewed Finance and Excom, and the final version will be filed by Nov 16, 2020 with the IRS

7. CG Peter Davenport reminder everyone to not purchase SAR items online that are not authorized by the Merchandise Committee, and to thank Inspector General Derek Brown for his hard work on our behalf.

8. GG Jim Faulkinbury reported that the approval of DNA for generation 1 to 2 has help approved one application so far.

9. Americanism Committee - Lou Raborg reported that we have a new document, it is the Articles of Association. Collen Wilson will be sending that out. For this year, we will be giving credit for all events for the Americanism report except for the color guard. A new scorecard in 2021.

10. Color Guard – Lou Raborg wanted to thank Medals & Awards for help with the temporary virtual policy that will appear in the next color guard magazine. Color Guard is trying to raise \$9,000 to purchase New England halberd, checks can be sent to Collen Wilson, as a gift to the Museum.

11. Bylaws & Resolutions Committee - Michael Elston provided a report of proposed amendments to be recommended to delegates to a special congress.

MOTION 8: That discussion of the proposed amendments and authorization of a Special Congress be deferred to December 5, 2020. Motion made by John Berg; seconded by John Dodd. Passed 29-14.

12. GRS Committee – Jim Engler stated that the committee presented on Tuesday to the Excom its recommendations for a GRS proposal an RFP package. Next update to Excom will be in January.

13. Chaplains Committee – Rev. David Felts report that a new candidate will be sent to the nominating committee, Dwight Elam of Florida. Committee is considering challenge coins to commemorate chaplains and their activity during the Revolutionary War.

14. Congress Planning & Review Committees – Paul Callanan reported that reports are in the Report Book. Reminded everyone that it is Renton, WA not Seattle, WA. July 10 thru 15, 2021. Hotel reservations are open. Memorial service is at the hotel. Tours are still in the work. Host reception will be the Museum of Flight. There is an add-on trip to Alaska. See the national website under events.

15. Eagle Scout Committee – Ed Rigel, Sr. reported that one Burt award was approved on Friday.

16. Flag Committee – Robert Meyer stated the committee will only recognize the US Flag for the Admiral Furlong award.

17. Nominating Committee – PG Warren Alter report who was on this year's committee. PG Warren Alter as Chair, PG Lindsay Brock, PG Larry Guzy, PG Tom Lawrence, PG Michael Tomme, and 4 delegates from the Council of State Presidents, Mark Norris (IN), Bobby Hulsey (KS), Mike Teaman (OR), Dave Felts (PA) and 3 alternates; and two Trustee selected by the PG - Derek Brown and Dan Woodruff. At the Candidate's Forum, all nominees except one were present. We have contested race and that is Registrar General with two candidates.

18. Kings College – PG Dooley reported that last March's event is being rescheduled. SAR visiting professor for next year will be David Hancock from the University of Michigan.

19. SAR Annual Conference – PG Dooley announced that the conference for 2021 is Religion and the American Revolution. The 2020 has been postponed until next June.

20. Merchandise Committee – Howard Fisk reported that the 250th Flags have not been received from the vendor, and credit cards will not be run until the flags arrive. We have sold over 100.

21. Museum Committee – Kent Gregory reported that a 1770 naval sword has been donated by Dan McKelvie (CA) and wanted to thank the Color Guard for working to raise the funds for the New England halberd.

22. Rumbaugh Orations – John Bredenfoerder reported they will continue the state video submissions process for 2021, to select the 6 finalists for Congress. Deadline for states is May 15 and finalists will be named by June 1.

23. Paul Callanan made a motion to approve the Special Trustee Teleconference Meeting Minutes from August 29, 2020. Motion passed.

24. Logo Contest – SG Davis L. Wright conducted the voting for the 4 logo finalists using the polling feature of Zoom. After each vote, the lowest vote getter was removed. After three rounds, logo no. 3 was selected as the winner.

25. Benediction by Rev. David Felts

26. Recessional by PG Warren Alter

27. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

John T. "Jack" Manning
President General

Davis Lee Wright
Secretary General

Attachments:

DRAFT

Thomas Jackson
Trustee's Report
December 5, 2020

The National Trustee's Meeting started at 12:03 PM CST.

President General Manning was the presiding officer. Attending from Texas PG Nathan White and Tom Jackson; others may have been present. The prior Trustee meeting of Saturday, 26 September 2020 minutes were approved. These are the high points.

Financial update.

1. PPP loan of \$273,250 paperwork for forgiveness was approved by SBA.
2. Line of credit. Nothing new to report.
3. Merchandise.
 - a. 2a. June 1 is slated for the full opening.
 - b. 2b. Merchandise is currently processing orders on backlog and working those dated April 14. Standard 2-3 day processing is expected to be reached by June 15.
 - c. 2c. Supply of merchandise may be constrained due to supply chain difficulties.
4. National Congress updates.
 - a. Motion passed to call a special Congress on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10am in the greater Washington DC Metro area.
 - b. Required notice to Trustees & State Presidents & Secretaries no later than Saturday, February 13, 2021.
 - c. Delegates will require a minimum of 25 to be in good standing as of December 31, 2020 as specified by National ByLaw No. 23.
 - d. Registration fee of \$100.
 - e. Purpose of the Special Congress is to amend governing documents to permit virtual congress.
 - f. National Congress for Renton, Washington is still a go.
5. UK Society was declared suspended.
 - a. Question for the Executive Committee & Board of Managers. Should Texas SAR take steps to amend the By Laws to suspend the charter of a Chapter should it be unable to be active?
6. New logo selection.
 - a. Copyright is still in process. Do not post the new logo in the public domain as it may cripple the copyright application.
7. Spring Leadership and Louisville unrest.
 - a. Louisville unrest has largely gone quiet, but Covid-19 restrictions have effectively closed the Brown Hotel & restaurants in the area to conventions.
 - b. Spring Leadership will be virtual; March 6th at 1pm.
8. Library Friends, renew & buy Franklin Medal (\$300).
9. Donor Acquisition Program has hit \$125,000.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Zoom Meeting
Saturday, December 5, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET)

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Invocation
- IV. President General's Report
 - Update on Façade Reconstruction
 - Update on Education Center & Museum
- V. Secretary General's Report & Report of the Executive Committee
 - Special Congress
 - Refer Amendments of Constitution Articles V & VIII to Special Congress
 - UK Society
- VI. General Officer Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 - Update on PPP Loan
 - B. Chancellor
 - C. Genealogist
 - D. Registrar
 - E. Historian
 - F. Library
 - G. Surgeon
 - H. Chaplain
 - I. Vice Presidents General
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements
 - Spring Leadership Meeting
 - Renton, WA Congress
 - New Logo
 - Intellectual Property
 - Headquarters building
 - End of year charitable contributions
- IX. Adjournment
- X. Benediction

990 FILE, PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
\$273K APPLIC FOR LOAN
FORGIVENESS, EXPECT IN 2021
NOV, 2020 FORGIVENESS
GRANT BY SBA

2 COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENTS
NEW LOGO COPYRIGHT
HAS BEEN APPLIED
DO NOT PUT IN
PUBLIC DOMAIN BECAUSE
IT COULD BE DONATED

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

GET
HOTEL
RESERVATIONS

DONOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM
\$125,000 OF PURCHASING MATIFACTS

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY \$300 FRANKLIN MUMFORD

VETERANS RECOGNITION
OF CERTIFICATES
OF PATRIOTISM

SPRING LEADERSHIP IS VIRTUAL
MARCH 6TH
TRUSTEE MTG
1PM

MOTION CARD

Proposed by: Davis Wright, Secretary General

Representing: _____ Society _____ Committee ☒ ExCom ☐ SARF

Summary: The NSSAR is currently not permitted to hold an electronic or virtual Annual Congress under its current Bylaws. In order for the Trustees to approve a virtual Annual Congress, if one was needed, certain amendments to our governing documents must be approved by the delegates to an Annual Congress or a Special Congress. Given the on-going COVID pandemic, the Trustees are encouraged to authorize a special congress solely for the purpose of referring certain amendments to the delegates of such congress for approval. Such amendments would authorize the Trustees to schedule a regular virtual Congress, if necessary.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THIS MOTION.

- Motion:
1. Recommend to a Special Congress of the National Society the approval of the proposed amendments to Articles V and VIII of the Constitution as proposed by the Bylaws Committee and direct the Executive Director to give the notice required by Article VIII of the Constitution no later than January 6, 2021.
 2. Authorize a Special Congress for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments to Articles V and VIII of the Constitution to be held as follows:
 - a. On Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 10 a.m.;
 - b. In the metropolitan Washington, DC area, with the precise location to be determined by the Special Congress Chairman and notice of the precise location to be given to all Trustees, State Presidents and State Secretaries no later than Saturday, February 13, 2021.
 - c. Given the ongoing global pandemic, further authorizing the Special Congress Chairman to change the time and/or venue (but not the date) of the Special Congress to another time and/or venue in the metropolitan Washington, DC area if pandemic restrictions would prohibit holding the Special Congress at the original time and/or venue, provided that notice is given by all practicable means to all registered delegates.
 - d. The delegates at the Special Congress entitled to vote therein shall be the delegates specified by Bylaw No. 23, all of whom must be members in good standing as of December 31, 2020, and a quorum of the Special Congress shall be twenty-five

MOTION CARD

delegates, holding State credentials, as specified in Bylaw No. 30. The number of delegates to which each state society is entitled shall be determined on the basis of the January 1, 2020, reconciliation report and as provided in Bylaw 23.

Delegates must be a member in good standing as of the date of the Special Congress as certified by the state society secretary.

3. Set the registration fee for the March 13, 2021 Special Congress at \$100.
4. Set the agenda for the March 13, 2021 Special Congress as follows:
 - a. Call to Order by the President General
 - b. Invocation by the Chaplain General (or designee)
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
 - d. SAR Pledge
 - e. Remarks of the President General
 - f. Report of the Credentials Committee
 - g. Report of the Bylaws Committee regarding Proposed Amendments to Articles V and VIII of the Constitution
 - h. Report of the Secretary General (or designee) on the recommendations of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees regarding the Proposed Amendments to Articles V and VIII of the Constitution
 - i. New Business
 - i. Proposed Amendments to Article V of the Constitution
 - ii. Proposed Amendments to Article VIII of the Constitution
 - iii. No Further Business Shall Be Considered by the Special Congress
 - j. SAR Recessional
 - k. Adjournment
5. Direct the Executive Director to give notice of the Special Congress, such notice to include the information contained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, above, to all Trustees, State Society Presidents and State Society Secretaries no later than January 6, 2021.
6. Authorize the President General to appoint a Special Congress Chairman and a Special Congress Credentials Committee Chairman, both of whom shall be authorized to appoint such assistants and/or members that they deem necessary.
7. Direct the Special Congress Chairman to hold the Congress in an efficient and economical manner.
8. Direct the President General, the Executive Director, and the Special Congress Chairman to encourage all SAR members to carefully

MOTION CARD

consider whether to attend the Special Congress during the global pandemic.

Signed: /s/ Davis Lee Wright Maker

Second

Financial Impact Considered: ☒ Yes ☐ No Funding Source: Operating & Reg. Fees

ACTION TAKEN: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed Referred to ☐ Other

MEETING: ☐ EXCOM ☐ SARF ☒ Trustees ☐ Congress Date: 12/5/2020

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY: _____

MOTION CARD

Proposed by: Davis Wright, Secretary General

Representing: _____ Society _____ Committee ☒ ExCom ☐ SARF

Summary: The United Kingdom Society may three dues paying members. This is not enough to maintain a charter pursuant to the SAR Bylaws. These three members live in the United Kingdom and are working to bring new members in. Until such time as there are 15 members, the current membership has requested that the charter be suspended.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THIS MOTION.

Motion: That due to the limited number of dues paying members, the charter of the UK Society is suspended pending reorganization and the current members of that society are incorporated into the International Society during such reorganization.

Signed: /s/ Davis Lee Wright _____ Maker

Second

Financial Impact Considered: ☒ Yes ☐ No Funding Source: N/A

ACTION TAKEN: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed Referred to _____ ☐ Other

MEETING: ☐ EXCOM ☐ SARF ☒ Trustees ☐ Congress Date: 12/5/2020

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY: _____

MOTION CARD

Proposed by: Davis Wright, Secretary General

Representing: _____ Society _____ Committee ☒ ExCom ☐ SARF

Summary: The NSSAR is currently not permitted to hold an electronic or virtual Annual Congress under its current Bylaws. In order for the Trustees to approve a virtual Annual Congress, if one was needed, certain amendments to our governing documents must be approved by the delegates to an Annual Congress or a Special Congress. The amendments proposed by the Bylaw Committee provide for this and should be referred to a Special Congress (or the next Annual Congress) for approval.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THIS MOTION.

Motion: That the Board of Trustees refers the amendments to the SAR Constitution Articles V & VIII, as proposed by the Bylaws Committee, to the delegates of (i) any Special Congress called for the purpose of approving such amendments or (ii) the next Annual Congress.

Signed: /s/ Davis Lee Wright _____ Maker
_____ Second

Financial Impact Considered: ☒ Yes ☐ No Funding Source: Operating & Reg. Fees

ACTION TAKEN: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed Referred to _____ ☐ Other

MEETING: ☐ EXCOM ☐ SARF ☒ Trustees ☐ Congress Date: 12/5/2020

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY: _____

Amend NSSAR Constitution, Article VIII, to allow Special Congresses to amend the Bylaws.

Current Wording	Revision	New Wording
<p>The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates present and voting at a Congress of this Society; provided that such amendment must have been proposed to the Secretary General by a prior Congress, by the Board of Trustees, or by a State Society, and at least sixty days' notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent by the Secretary General, or by the Executive Director, to each of the General Officers, members of the Executive Committee, other members of the Board of Trustees and the President and Secretary of each State Society. Said notice shall be deposited in the United States mail and the notice period provided herein shall be computed from the date of such mailing.</p> <p>If all of the aforementioned requirements are met, official notice of a proposed amendment may be published in The SAR Magazine and be within the intent of this Article.</p>	<p>The Constitution, <u>and any bylaws adopted under the authority of this Constitution</u>, may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates present and voting at a Congress of this Society; provided that such amendment must have been proposed to the Secretary General by a prior Congress, by the Board of Trustees, or by a State Society, and at least sixty <u>forty-five</u> days' notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent by the Secretary General, or by the Executive Director, to each of the General Officers, members of the Executive Committee, other members of the Board of Trustees and the President and Secretary of each State Society. Said notice shall be deposited in the United States mail and the notice period provided herein shall be computed from the date of such mailing.</p> <p>If all of the aforementioned requirements are met, official notice of a proposed amendment may be published in The SAR</p>	<p>The Constitution, and any bylaws adopted under the authority of this Constitution, may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates present and voting at a Congress of this Society; provided that such amendment must have been proposed to the Secretary General by a prior Congress, by the Board of Trustees, or by a State Society, and at least forty-five days' notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent by the Secretary General, or by the Executive Director, to each of the General Officers, members of the Executive Committee, other members of the Board of Trustees and the President and Secretary of each State Society. Said notice shall be deposited in the United States mail and the notice period provided herein shall be computed from the date of such mailing.</p> <p>If all of the aforementioned requirements are met, official notice of a proposed amendment may be published in The SAR</p>

	Magazine and be within the intent of this Article.	Magazine and be within the intent of this Article.
--	--	--

Rationale: Currently, the bylaws provide that amendments may be made to the bylaws solely at an "Annual Congress" while the constitution provides that amendments to the constitution may take place at any Congress. In preparing for the possibility of a virtual Annual Congress, certain General Officers have identified bylaws that require changes to effectively complete the business of an Annual Congress.* This amendment to the constitution would allow amendments to either the constitution or the bylaws to be adopted at any Congress rather than solely at an Annual Congress.

Notice period: the bylaws currently provide a 45-day notice period for an amendment to the bylaws; this change would align the notice period for amendments to the constitution with the notice period for amendments to the bylaws.

* The bylaws committee will consider proposed amendments to the bylaws to conduct a virtual congress at a future meeting.

Amend NSSAR Constitution, Article V, to allow Congresses and Special Congresses by alternative means and defining alternative means.

Current Wording	Revision	New Wording
<p><u>Section 1.</u> The Annual Congress of this Society for the election of officers and for the transaction of business shall be held at a time and at a location which shall be designated by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees present and voting. The dates and locations of Annual Congresses may be designated four or more years in advance.</p> <p>In an emergency, the time and location of an Annual Congress may be changed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees voting upon the question by mail; provided that votes by mail shall be postmarked to the Executive Director within ten days after the solicitation of said votes; and provided further, that not less than twenty-six Trustees shall have voted.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President General and shall be called by him when so directed by the Board of Trustees or when</p>	<p><u>Section 1.</u> The Annual Congress of this Society for the election of officers and for the transaction of business, and any <u>Special Congress of this Society</u>, shall be held at a time and at a location which shall be designated by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees present and voting. The dates and locations of Annual Congresses may be designated four or more years in advance.</p> <p>In an emergency, the time and location of an Annual Congress <u>or any Special Congress</u> may be changed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees voting upon the question by mail; provided that votes by mail shall be postmarked to the Executive Director within ten days after the solicitation of said votes; and provided further, that not less than twenty-six Trustees shall have voted.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President General and shall be called by him</p>	<p><u>Section 1.</u> The Annual Congress of this Society for the election of officers and for the transaction of business, and any Special Congress of this Society, shall be held at a time and at a location which shall be designated by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees present and voting. The dates and locations of Annual Congresses may be designated four or more years in advance.</p> <p>The time and location of an Annual Congress or any Special Congress may be changed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees voting upon the question by mail; provided that votes by mail shall be postmarked to the Executive Director within ten days after the solicitation of said votes; and provided further, that not less than twenty-six Trustees shall have voted.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President General and shall be called by him when so directed by the</p>

requested by at least ten State Societies, by giving at least thirty days' notice to the Trustees and the Presidents of State Societies specifying the time and location of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

when so directed by the Board of Trustees or when requested by at least ten State Societies, by giving at least thirty days' notice to the Trustees and the Presidents of State Societies specifying the time and location of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

Section 3. The term "location" for purposes of this Article shall include designation of a Congress or meeting as occurring by alternative means in multiple locations. "Alternative means" shall be limited to the use of any means of communication by which all individuals participating may simultaneously communicate with each other and have the capability of document sharing either in advance of or during the meeting. More than one member may participate through a single communications link. Voting on all matters shall be permitted, with votes cast by individualized voice vote of authorized voters or by an electronic vote tabulation means by which the presiding officer shall be able to confirm the submission of a vote by an authorized voter. Proxy

Board of Trustees or when requested by at least ten State Societies, by giving at least thirty days' notice to the Trustees and the Presidents of State Societies specifying the time and location of such meeting and the business to be transacted.

Section 3. The term "location" for purposes of this Article shall include designation of a Congress or meeting as occurring by alternative means in multiple locations. "Alternative means" shall be limited to the use of any means of communication by which all individuals participating may simultaneously communicate with each other and have the capability of document sharing either in advance of or during the meeting. More than one member may participate through a single communications link. Voting on all matters shall be permitted, with votes cast by individualized voice vote of authorized voters or by an electronic vote tabulation means by which the presiding officer shall be able to confirm the submission of a vote by an authorized voter. Proxy

	<u>voting shall not be permitted.</u>	voting shall not be permitted.
--	---------------------------------------	--------------------------------

Rationale: Article V of the Constitution and Bylaw 17 have been interpreted as prohibiting the organization from conducting an Annual Congress by alternative means, which in 2020 resulted in the cancellation of the Annual Congress in Richmond and an inability to conduct any of the business that was scheduled to come before that Congress. This set of amendments authorizes Congresses by alternative means. For example, if the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing in July 2021, the Seattle Congress could be conducted by alternative means.

Section 1: This amendment clarifies that the process for setting the time and location of a "Special Congress" is the same as an "Annual Congress." This amendment merely codifies existing practice.

This amendment also deletes the phrase "In an emergency" to avoid disputes over what constitutes an emergency. The circumstances that warrant a change – emergency or otherwise – are best left to the judgment of the Trustees, two-thirds of whom must agree to change the time or location of a Congress.

Section 2: No changes.

Section 3: This new section defines "location" to include meetings that occur in multiple locations through the use of communications technology. It largely tracks the language of Bylaw 17, which authorizes national committees and the Board of Trustees to meet through alternative means.

"*Alternative means*" is limited to the use of any means of communication by which all individuals participating may simultaneously communicate with each other and which are accompanied by the capability of document sharing either in advance of or during the meeting.

"*More than one member may participate through a single communications link.*" This sentence explicitly permits the Trustees to authorize so-called "hybrid" meetings in which many members assemble in one location while others join remotely.

This bylaw would not authorize remote participation in Congresses or Trustees' meetings generally. Such participation would only be permitted if the meeting were so designated by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees.

MOKAT

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT



MOKAT



SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020



Webmaster Ray Cox

Saturday, September 19th. SCD - The first part of the Meeting is for National Candidates and the second part is standard business.



Compatriot Tom Jackson



2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Friday. Budget, Finance, Investment, and Audit Committee Meeting. First Trust investment advisors provide a review of the prior year, prior quarter, and thoughts about the coming year including the impact of the Corona Virus. In the photo below is Jim Maples, head of the Audit Committee.





2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Friday. Kings College Committee. The SAR is in its 5th year of sponsoring a professor to go to Kings College in England for the purpose of examining the papers of "Mad" King George. Last year it was a professor from Harvard University who will be our speaker tonight. The decision for the committee is to decide if it should be recommended to the trustees to extend this agreement for another three years. The benefits are straightforward in that documents are made available that otherwise could not be seen, in addition to enhancing the historical and educational missions of the SAR. When it came time to vote, the decision was not to renew. The matter will be a topic for the trustees should a trustee wish to bring the matter up for a vote.





2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Like any good military organization, you must arrive an hour before you are needed and wait for three minutes of instruction.



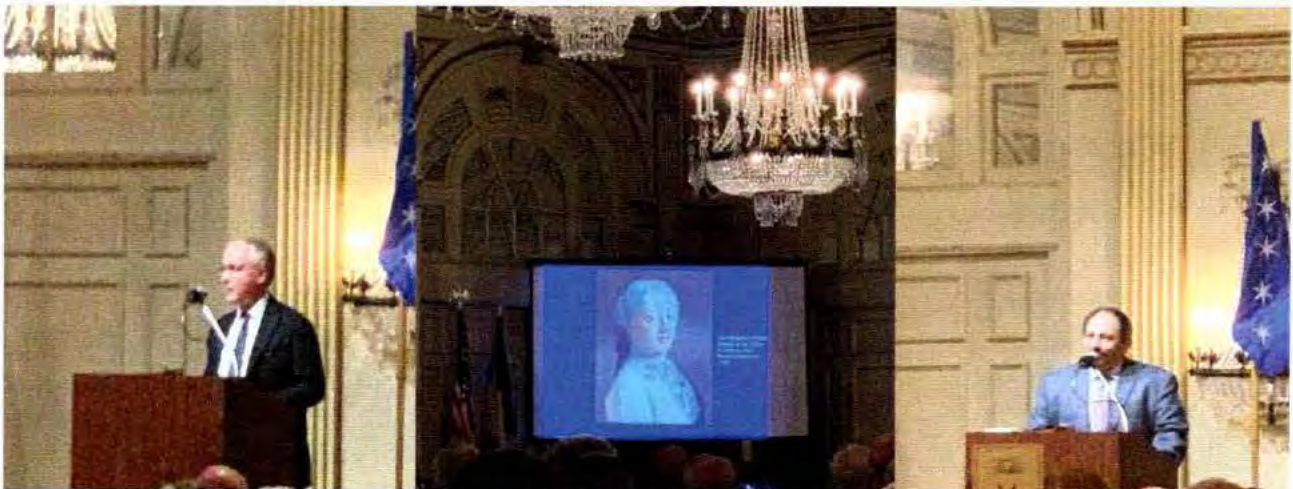
After hearing the instructions the first time, a number of us go downstairs to listen to piano music and perhaps indulge in a libation. The lady behind the piano has been here every year for the last 10.



2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Friday. The banquet begins.



Our speaker for the evening is Professor David Armitage (Harvard University), Sons of the American Revolution Visiting Professor at King's College London. His theme is 'George III and the Law of Nations'. He notes that King George was the best-educated English king in over 250 years and knew quite well the precepts of the law of nations. Although our founding documents and observations from our founding leaders cite his repeated violation of the laws, Professor Armitage suggests the opposite. All in all, an interesting juxtaposition of thoughts.



2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Saturday morning early. Donors Breakfast, where we recognize those who gave money to a specific program, in this case the George Washington Endowment Fund. David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President, has just become a George Washington Fellow. Well done, David!



Dr. Robert Cohen, retired from the Texas A&M System, chats with Pastor Wakefield, formerly Chaplain General. Pastor Wakefield conducted the memorial service when the National Congress was in Houston.





2020 SPRING LEADERSHIP



Saturday. Council of State Presidents meeting. Immediately after the COSP meeting is the meeting of the trustees. Reports are presented and votes are taken.



SAR Pledge:

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.

SAR 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.



Donor Recognition Breakfast



2020 Spring Leadership Conference

The Brown Hotel
Gallery Ballroom
February 29, 2020 7:00 AM
Louisville, Kentucky

Call to OrderJoseph W. Dooley
President, SAR Foundation, Inc.

Invocation.....Rev. David J. Felts
Chaplain General, NSSAR

Pledge of AllegianceSAR Compatriots and Guests

SAR Pledge.....SAR Compatriots and Guests

Breakfast Served

Eagle Scout Committee.....Edward Paul Rigel, Sr.
*Chair, NSSAR Eagle Scout
Committee and Arthur M. & Berdena
King Eagle Scout
Scholarship Program*

George Washington Fellows.....William Oliver Stone
Chair, G. W. Endowment Fund Board

Knight Essay Contest Committee.....James Morris Lindley
*Chair, Knight Essay
Contest Committee*

ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies.....David J. Perkins
*Chair, ROTC/JROTC Service
Academies Committee*

Rumbaugh Oration CommitteeJohn Henry Bredenfoerder
*Chair, Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration
Contest Committee*

Friends of the Library.....Tony L. Vets
Librarian General

SAR Artifact Donor Program.....Dr. M. Kent Gregory, Ed.D.
Museum Board Chairman

SAR 1776 Campaign.....Joseph W. Dooley
President, SAR Foundation, Inc.

SAR Recessional.....SAR Compatriots and Guests

Benediction Rev. David J. Felts
Chaplain General, NSSAR

SAR 1776 Society Awards

*The SAR Foundation would like to thank the following donors who
have completed their pledges to the 1776 Society or advanced to a
higher recognition level as of February 15, 201.*

Delegate (\$592 to \$1183)

Dr. John Hoyes, Ph.D. – OH

Signer (\$1,776 to \$5,328)

Douglas Scott Freeman – OH
Eugene Melvin – OR

Bronze Quill (\$5,328 to \$8,879)

Dr. Larry M. Leslie – KY

Silver Quill (\$8,880 to \$17,759)

Michael J. Elston, Esq.— VA
Anonymous

Gold Quill (\$17,760 and up)

Dr. Abraham R. Byrd III – AZ

State and Chapter Support

Piedmont Chapter, Georgia SAR
Paul Revere Chapter, Texas SAR

Planned Giving

Anonymous

If you are interested in making a planned gift to support the
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution or the
SAR Foundation please contact Sarah Strapp Dennison at
(502) 315- 1777 or ssdennison@sar.org.

PG Warren and Nancy Alter: Revolutionary War Milita "Keg"
Canteen and Contributed to Iron Naval Gun Boat Swivel Cannon

PG John T. Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning: Pair of
Revolutionary War Hessian Spurs and Contributed to Iron Naval Gun
Boat Swivel Cannon

Davis Lee Wright, Esq.: Revolutionary War Salt Horn

Ron and Connie Barker: Three Revolutionary War Cooking Utensils

Tony L. Vets, Sr.: Large Copper Pot

Tony L. "Bo" Vets II: 8 tube Candle Mold, Brass Pepper Dredge,
Ember Tongs, Brass Snuff Box, 18th Century Turned Wooden Goblet

James Perry: Wig Curler.

Don Robinson: Pair of Stirrups

PG. J. Michael Tomme Sr. and Pricilla G. Leed: Contributed to Iron
Naval Gun Boat Swivel Cannon

Kenneth and Marilyn Goodson: Contributed to Iron Naval Gun Boat
Swivel and Contributed to U.S. Surcharged French Musket Cannon

Hans Hunt: Pair of Silver Dress Spurs

John Wallace: 18th Century Supply Wagon Wooden Canteen
Jim & Mary Griffith: Salt Horn

Joe Pickett: Salt Horn

Linda Alcott Maples: Tomahawk with crown marks, Tomahawk with
V Marks, Tinned-Iron Canteen

George Washington Endowment Fund: Contributed to U.S.
Surcharged French Musket

PG Joseph W. Dooley: Contributed to Bronze Swivel Cannon

COL Ernest L. Sutton MC: Contributed to Bronze Swivel Cannon



SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign

The SAR Foundation would like to thank the following donors who have supported the SAR Education Center and Museum with a new pledge or qualifying gift to the SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign since the 2019 Fall Leadership Conference.

Mr. Thomas Ashby - IL

Mr. Ronald Barker - CA

Mr. Caleb Blankenship - MA

Mr. Richard Brooks - VA

Mrs. Karen Carlson - CA

Ms. Julia Carr - VA

Mr. Jack Carroll - CA

Mr. Douglas Carter - OH

Mr. William Chaney III - FL

Mr. George Clarke Jr. - PA

Mr. Atlee Compher II - SC

Mr. Carl Cooper Jr. - OK

Jay Davies Ph.D. - NC
 Mr. Mark Day - VA
 Mr. Jim Faulkinbury - CA
 Mr. James Fisher Ph.D.- GA
 Mr. James Fosdyck - CA
 Mr. Charles Gentis - CA
 Mr. Gary Jensen - CA
 Mr. Dennis Kavanaugh - AZ
 Mr. Michael Kelley Jr. - MD
 Michael Kelso - AL
 Mr. Jean-Luc Kreitner - FL
 COL Theodore Legler II USA (Ret.)- IN
 Mr. James Lindley - WA
 Mrs. Susan Means - KY
 Mr. John Manning M.Ed.- MA
 Mr. Stephen Miller USAF (Ret.)- AZ
 Mr. Richard Moore - KY
 Mr. Edward Nelson IV- NC
 Mr. Joseph Nicholson - KY
 Mr. David Perkins - CT
 Mr. David Ralston - FL
 Mr. Joseph Richardson - FL
 Mr. David Robinson - MA
 Mr. George Sheneman - PA
 Mr. George Sheneman - PA
 Mr. Tony Vets - LA
 Mr. Dustin Whittenburg - TX
 LtC Douglas Wood USA- NH

SAR Artifact Donor Program

The following donors have made gifts that have made the acquisition of museum quality artifacts possible.

William O. Stone: Lock and Part of the Door
from the Bennington Arsenal

Mark and JoAnn Kramer: Revolutionary War Screw Type Powder
Horn

Daniel R. McKelvie: Revolutionary War Salt Horn

M. Kent Gregory, Ed. D.: Revolutionary War Officer's Horn Cup and
Contributed to Bronze Swivel Cannon

Dr. Darryl Addington: Revolutionary War Naval Boarding Ax,
Edmon McKinley: Revolutionary War Militia Dagger, Revolutionary
War British Coconut Water Ladle, Horn Whistle

Jim Maples: Three Revolutionary War Canteens and Contributed to
Bronze Swivel Cannon

Paul and Keitha Callanan: Revolutionary War "Penny" Pocket Knife
and Spider Skillet

C. Herman Brown: Revolutionary War Naval Signal Mortar
Kings Mountain Chapter: Excavated Sword used at Kings Mountain
Anthony Robinson: Original 2nd Model Brown Bess Musket Bayonet

Dr. Samuel C. Powell: Revolutionary War Compass, Pair of 18th
Century Dice with original Tax Stamp, Revolutionary War Leather
Shot Bag, Revolutionary War Half Pike

C. Bruce Pickette: Revolutionary War Camp Stove

Brooks Lyles: Pair of Revolutionary War Spurs with initials

Jeff Thomas: Revolutionary War Leather Shot Bag with Musket Balls
and Revolutionary War Primer Horn

Contributions received since September 2019

Robert Morris Benefactors (Minimum \$2,000 donation)

100% to the Library SPOF

Warren Alter - Arizona Society, SAR

FOL Life Membership (Minimum \$1,000 donation)

60% to Library Endowment / 40% to Library SPOF

Roger Coursey -- Georgia Society, SAR

Michael Garey -- Florida Society, SAR

Ken Goodson -- Michigan Society, SAR

Dr. William Hearter -- Pennsylvania Society, SAR

Dr. J. Fred Olive -- Alabama Society, SAR *

Dr. P. Gary Pettett - Arizona Society, SAR

Roger O. Willingham -- Illinois Society, SAR

Library Endowment Fund Contributor (\$500 - \$1,000)

100% to the Library Endowment Fund

John Wallace -- Alabama Society, SAR *

In Memory of Dr. Raymond Clapsadle

Tennessee Society, SAR

Benjamin Franklin Subscriber (\$300 or more)

100% to the Library SPOF

John Briggs -- Pennsylvania Society, SAR

Brett Osborn -- Virginia Society, SAR

Paul Schenck -- Ohio Society, SAR

Jeffery Thomas -- Virginia Society, SAR

Louisiana Society, SAR

** Presented at State Meeting*

The Benjamin Franklin Medal was approved in September 2019 at the Fall Leadership meeting to recognize individuals who donate \$300 (Benjamin Franklin Subscriber level) or more in support of the SAR Library. For donations in excess of \$300, a bar attachment will be awarded recognizing Library Endowment Fund Contributor status, Friends of the Library Life Membership status, and Robert Morris Benefactor Status. A look-back date of July 11, 2018 was established to recognize those individuals who have already supported the library at these levels.

FOL Life Membership (Minimum \$1,000 donation)

60% to Library Endowment / 40% to Library SPOF

Larry Leslie -- Kentucky Society, SAR

Melvin Sellers -- Florida Society, SAR

James Maples -- Alabama Society, SAR *

Linda Maples -- Alabama Society Ladies Auxiliary, SAR *

Tony L. Vets -- Louisiana Society, SAR *

James C. Fosdyck -- California Society, SAR

Library Endowment Fund Contributor (\$500 - \$1,000)

100% to the Library Endowment Fund

Ken Betterton -- Oregon Society, SAR

Edward Stockel -- Michigan Society, SAR

Benjamin Franklin Subscriber (\$300 or more)

100% to the Library SPOF

David Collings -- California Society, SAR

Robert Haines -- Colorado Society, SAR

Eugene Smith Jr -- Arkansas Society, SAR

Davis Wright -- Delaware Society, SAR

** Presented at State Meeting*

About the SAR Library

The SAR National Headquarters, Genealogical Research Library, and SAR Center are located at 809 West Main Street in Louisville, Kentucky.

The need to establish a Library for the National Society was recognized by the founders of the Society, who specified provisions in the Constitution for the acquisition and preservation of Revolutionary War records, documents, and relics.

From 1889 until 1926 the Society acquired 225 books. In 1926, the Society established an office in Washington, D.C. which contained the "permanent records of the Society membership and genealogical library."

In 1978 the SAR purchased the South Fourth Street building in Louisville as its headquarters. Over the next year the second floor of the building was redesigned to accommodate a fully functional Library. It opened its doors to the public on January 17, 1979, with approximately 25,000 items.

In October 2010, the Library began operations in its new facility on West Main Street. The primary focal point of the collections is the Revolutionary War era but the collection includes other materials of a genealogical nature. The library collection has grown to over 55,000 items and includes family histories, local, county and state records and genealogy materials, and access to the online databases of Ancestry, Fold3, HeritageQuest, and American Ancestors (NEHGS).

In February 2019, the SAR Genealogical Research Library was designated a FamilySearch Affiliate Library by FamilySearch International. This cooperative agreement grants our patrons access to 350+ million additional images of original records and documents. FamilySearch International is a non-profit, volunteer -driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Library's growth depends upon cash gifts as well as donations of family genealogies, Revolutionary War histories, county and other books and items of genealogical content. Donors should check the Library catalog to ensure the item is not a duplicate or check with the Librarian. A donor gift form is available at the Library and at Society meetings. The SAR Library is a non-circulating genealogical collection.

NSSAR Genealogical Research Library Donor Recognition

The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives and to provide for the purchase of non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology. The collection objectives include those books, manuscripts, microfilms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection.

A sub-committee of the SAR National Library and Archives Committee, the Friends consists of the Librarian General, National Library and Archives Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Friends of the SAR Library, the SAR Librarian, and state-level FOL Chairmen. Membership is also open to all SAR members, state-level societies, chapters, and the general public. The state-level Society Chairman of the FOL may coordinate the donation of books, microfilms, etc., directly to the SAR Library and promote the Library within his society so that all SAR members are familiar with it and its programs.

Membership dues of the Friends of the SAR Library are distributed as follows:

- 60% goes into the Library Endowment Fund, which is the permanent fund for the use of the Library, and from which the gains may only be used by the Library; and
- 40% goes directly to the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund.

In addition to donations of family genealogies, Revolutionary War histories, county and state histories, and other books and items of genealogical content, the SAR Library's growth depends upon cash gifts.

The additional recognition programs of the Library include:

- Benjamin Franklin Subscriber for gifts of \$300 or more from an individual, SAR chapter, state-level society, or non-SAR organization.
- Library Endowment Fund Contributor for gifts of \$500 or more.
- Friends of the Library Life Membership for one-time gifts of \$1,000 or more.
- Robert Morris Benefactor for a one-time contribution of \$2,000 or more.

These monetary gifts are also invested by the SAR. Benjamin Franklin Subscribers and Robert Morris Benefactors monies are deposited in the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund; Endowment Fund Contributor monies are deposited in the Library Endowment Fund.

TRUSTEE VOTING CARD

NATIONAL SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

2020 Spring Trustee Meeting

Louisville KY

February 27-29 2020

MUST HAVE THIS CARD FOR VOTING AT

TRUSTEES MEETING

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN SESSION

WITHOUT THIS CARD

Spring Leadership Meeting

February 28, 2020

Outreach Education Committee Report

Outreach Education is focused on member services, community initiatives, program development and collaborations. Each month on average over 20 state societies receive support for chapter activities that include SAR Youth Awards, program materials and recruitment resources. The SAR Retractable Banner continues to be an effective tool at SAR booths that draw attention to chapter events. Chapters frequently request the *SAR to Help Preserve A Precious Heritage, Youth Award Programs, Discover Your Family Heritage and Long May She Wave, Flag History & Etiquette*. With the imminent release of the new SAR website, Outreach Education is working to make program materials more readily accessible to members and educators.

Outreach Education with its place on the board for both the Kentuckiana Cultural Consortium and the state's Arts & Cultural Alliance has increased its involvement in state-wide panel discussions, presentations and education conferences such as Southeastern Museums 2020 Conference in Louisville, Ky. Once again Outreach Education will be supporting National History Day at the state and regional competitions as judges as well as offering the popular SAR *Outstanding Early American History Award*.

- a. New interactive activities for *Making "Cents" of Colonial Currency* were developed for the elementary and middle school levels. A colonial marketplace was created where students bartered, used currency or a combination of both to buy goods offered by colonial merchants. Comparisons with colonial notes and today's one-dollar bill were identified by the student groups.
- b. Outreach Education hosted the November Kentuckiana Cultural Consortium representing organizations from across the Commonwealth in the SAR Education Center & Museum. The featured speaker was Dr. Marty Pollio, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, which is the 27th largest school district in the United States.
- c. The SAR Digitization Lab located in the SAR Genealogical Research Library is in place and producing great images of documents from the SAR's institutional archives. A student intern from the University of Louisville has been hired and is now working two days a week in the lab along with a weekly library volunteer. Additional interns for the summer are being recruited to continue the digitization process.
- d. Outreach Education participated in an onsite conservation workshop focusing on the cannons located in the SAR Education Center & Museum. Scaffolding was purchased and the seven-and-a-

half foot tall *Sons of Liberty 1775* statue located in front of Headquarters also received a thorough cleaning.

- e. A very successful Artifact Donor Program has to date contributed almost 60 objects to the SAR Museum Collection. Work is ongoing as we coordinate the necessary documentation for SAR records between the donor and Museum Board. Each of these museum quality artifacts hold a rich history that will be interpreted in the SAR Education Center & Museum.
- f. A PowerPoint presentation has been developed to create greater awareness of the Artifact Donor Program and the successful expansion of the SAR Museum Collection. Presented to local chapters by Museum Board members it highlights program specifics and the wide variety of museum quality artifacts donated to the SAR.
- g. As part of the Museum Board's ongoing Deaccession Project, deaccessioned objects were prepared for consideration and individually selected by Cowan's Auctions, LLC to be sold through online auctions. Accepted objects were prepared for shipping and picked up at Headquarters by Cowan's Auctions, LLC. Notices will be sent out by the Museum Board when objects come up for auction.
- h. In November Rae Ann Sauer and Zac Distel served on the conference panel for the Kentucky Council of Archives in Kenton City, Kentucky.
- i. Local chapters from across the country continue to order the SAR Retractable Banner to increase their visibility at community events, genealogy workshops and local membership recruitment drives. [REDACTED]
- j. Working with Wayne Snodgrass, Outreach Education has assisted in the development of a Patriot Chest data base where over 90 Patriot Chests were identified at the local chapter level. The location of these Patriot Chests and their contact information will be shared with interested educators who are seeking this interactive method of teaching Revolutionary War history.
- k. Exhibit tables promoting the SAR Genealogical Research Library were staffed at both the Louisville Genealogical Society Conference, Filson Society's Family History Day and the Ohio Valley Conference in Frankfort, KY.



County Judge Lina Hidalgo
DIRECTOR

ORDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HARRIS COUNTY

Whereas, On March 11, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency was issued to allow Harris County to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Harris County residents; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

Whereas, due to the substantial risks to the public, the following extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public.

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Effective as of 8:00 a.m. on March 17, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020, unless terminated or modified by an earlier order, the County Judge of

the County of Harris, Texas, deems it in the public interest to order that:

(a) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law,

(b) Bars, nightclubs, lounges, taverns, or arcades and private clubs shall close.

SECTION 3: That the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, and other peace officers, are hereby authorized to enforce this order.

SECTION 4: Harris County will post this Order on its website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of this order.

SECTION 5: This Order applies to all unincorporated and incorporated areas within the boundaries of Harris County.

ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2020, in the County of Harris, Texas.

IT IS SO ORDERED



LINA HIDALGO
HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE

Leave the statues of Founding Fathers alone

By Megan McArdle

Memory is a funny thing. Chances are, you still remember clearly what President Donald Trump said in 2017, after violent clashes in Charlottesville between white supremacists rallying around a statue of Robert E. Lee and leftist counterprotesters. “You had some very bad people in that group,” Trump allowed at an Aug. 15 news conference, “but you also had people that were very fine people, on both sides.” Almost three years on, anyone who tries to deny that Trump is a racist is apt to have those words flung back in their face.

We recall those remarks, but most of us have slowly forgotten about what else Trump said, although it was almost as controversial at the time: “So this week it’s Robert E. Lee. I noticed that Stonewall Jackson is coming down. I wonder, is it George Washington next week? And is it Thomas Jefferson the week after? You know, you really do have to ask yourself, where does it stop?”

This came in for much derision. In the *Washington Post*, Princeton historian David Bell declared that the distinction between slavery-defending Vice President John C. Calhoun and George Washington “is not difficult to make.” Jim Grossman, executive director of the American Historical Association, called the attempt to equate Confederates with Founding Fathers “absurd” and “unacceptable for the president of the United States,” while Douglas Blackmon of the University



Mark Graves / Associated Press

A statue of George Washington, erected in the 1920s, lies on the ground June 18 in Portland, Ore. The author draws a distinction between the Founding Fathers and leaders of the Confederacy.

of Virginia said, “The most kind explanation of that can only be ignorance, and I don’t say that to insult the president.”

Three years later ... can it be? Trump looks prescient, and his critics perhaps a touch naive. The iconoclasts, having largely defeated the rebel army, are turning on the Founding Fathers. It was supposed to be trivially easy to articulate those distinctions, yet I have not seen a flurry of commentary from historians eager to educate the protesters as they schooled Trump.

Even George Washington University, whose very name constitutes an endorsement of our first president, seems to have quietly removed a bust of Washington for safekeeping

after it was toppled from its pedestal, rather than loudly condemn an attack on the father of our country.

In private, most of my left-leaning friends say that Washington should stay. They don’t downplay the moral catastrophe of his slave ownership, but they weigh that, as Bell advised three years ago, “against his role as a heroic commander in chief, as an immensely popular political leader who resisted the temptation to become anything more than a republican chief executive, and who brought the country together around the new Constitution.” And they conclude that Washington deserves to stay in the canon of our country’s heroes – deeply flawed, as most heroes are, but

still worthy of admiration for the good he did.

They’d just prefer not to have to say that out loud.

Trump is no great moral theorist, but he does have a certain cunning about human behavior, enough, possibly to foresee that the Great Statucide would proceed by what conservative writer Rod Dreher has dubbed “the Law of Merited Impossibility”: Conservatives warning about the dire consequences of some social change are dismissed as hysterical cranks – and then, when exactly what they predicted eventually comes to pass, denounced as bigots for opposing the new order. Implicit in Dreher’s law is an intermediate phase in which a large number of people sit

uncomfortably silent as the radicals take the moderate majority’s well-intentioned efforts further than they ever dreamed.

If you had told me 10 years ago that same-sex marriage meant Christian bakers being legally required to bake cakes for same-sex weddings, I, or any supporter of marriage equality, would have dismissed this as conservative propaganda, too silly to even bother refuting.

What Trump understood, and his critics perhaps didn’t, was that you cannot credibly declare that some revolution in social affairs has a natural stopping point unless you personally commit to stopping it when it goes too far.

It’s not enough to say that very clear distinctions can be drawn between allowing gays to marry and forcing people to cater weddings that conflict with their religious beliefs; between the father of our country and the traitor who led a rebel army in defense of slavery. When the moment arrives, you have to actually draw them.

If you don’t, you will cede issue after issue to the radicals. And if making those tacit concessions again and again and again, then however privately you may rue it, you will nonetheless end up with something very different from your idealistic vision. Something that looks like ... well, like the Republicans who quietly ceded their party and their conscience to Trump, one outrage at a time.

McArdle is a columnist for the Washington Post Writers Group.

quired to be completed outside of operations, and providers were no longer required to provide individual meals and snacks to kids to reduce the risk of spreading viral infections.

"Parents should be looking at the numbers – they're climbing," said Dr. Peter Jung, pediatrician and co-founder of Blue Fish Pediatrics in association with Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital. "We're at the point where we need to be more wary of sending kids to day care."

As of June 16, 242 cases of COVID-19 at 203 child care operations were reported to Texas Health and Human Services. Of

Revelli cleans colored pencils Tuesday as part of the facility's efforts to prevent the possible spread of the coronavirus.

those cases, 167 were adult staff members and 75 were children.

There may still be a misconception among the public that children can't get seriously ill from COVID-19, Jung said.

"The percentage of kids who get a severe case is small and the percentage of those cases that end in death is also small," he said. "But the risk is real that they can get seriously ill."

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, brought on by a COVID-19 infection, can inflame the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes or gastrointestinal organs, according to the CDC. It can show up to four weeks after the COVID-19 infection ends.

"It's a very serious complication that we're seeing, even in Houston," Jung said.

The risk of sending children to

spinner said.

"Asymptomatic people can spread the virus," he said. "Sometimes, you're just not symptomatic yet. It can be a few days before symptoms start to show and you're still very likely to spread it."

A negative test for the virus also does not necessarily mean that the patient is not incubating the virus, the doctor added. That's why it's important to follow the CDC guidelines on self-quarantining for 14 days if it's known that a patient came into contact with a confirmed case.

"Day cares are asking us to test kids, but a child should still stay

cares that accept new clients.

Jung said parents should carefully vet child care centers to ensure they are following proper hygiene habits, such as good air ventilation, low room density, increased disinfection and required mask-wearing by employees.

Even if a provider follows CDC guidelines, there is no certainty that there won't be any transmissions, Jung said.

"Those measures will reduce the risk," he said. "But there's no guarantee that everything in play is safe."

hannah.dellinger@chron.com

Save Time Shop Online www.topdogfireworks.com



DEAL OF THE DAY PRODUCT SPECIAL!

THE KING

ASSORTMENT PACK
SELF LOADING ARTILLERY SHELLS, FOUNTAINS,
SPARKLERS, SNAPS AND MORE!
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY IN ONE PACK.



**TOP DOG
FIREWORKS**

JUNE 24TH - JULY 4TH, 2020

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
BLOW OUT!**

**ASK ABOUT OUR DAILY SPECIALS!
COUPONS! DEALS! SPECIALS! SALES!**

MORE DEALS AND SPECIALS VISIT
TOPDOGFIREWORKS.COM

AND FIND US ON



NEW PRODUCT DEALS



**ALL AMERICAN
200 GRAM CAKE!**



**PURPLICIOUS
FOUNTAIN!**



HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED?

CALL THE ACCIDENT WARRIOR

Attorney Efrem D. Sewell

HOUSTON PERSONAL INJURY TRIAL LAWYER

- ▶ No Fee Unless We Win
- ▶ Home & Hospital Visits
- ▶ FREE Case Evaluation

June 30, 2020. Tuesday.

Headlines:

Leave the statues of Founding Fathers alone. Monuments may come down in suburbs. Isaac Fanuiel IV is pushing to have a statue of a Confederate soldier removed in Galveston. Opinion: America Doesn't Need a New Revolution. Monuments to A Complicated Past: We can honor – and dishonor – American leaders of previous eras without turning history into a simplistic tale of good versus evil.

Honoring the values that unite us: There can be no doubt that statues of Davis, Lee, John C. Calhoun and others are tributes to slavery, secession and racial domination. They were built for precisely those reasons. They have no other possible meaning, apart from transparent euphemisms about states' rights and federal tyranny.

But the same is not true of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., with its paeans to universal enlightenment, equality and religious freedom. It is not true of the Lincoln Memorial, a living monument that for decades has been a touchstone for the nation's freedom struggles. Ulysses S. Grant, for his part, was raised in an abolitionist family; when he received a slave from his slaveholding father-in-law, Grant immediately released him from bondage. Those who know little about Grant hold this against him. Instead, we should honor him for crushing the Confederacy and then, as president, breaking up the Ku Klux Klan, advancing the 15th Amendment and signing the Civil Right Act of 1875-the first of its kind and the forerunner of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[No] monument to Jackson celebrates the Trail of Tears or the fact that he owned slaves. He is honored for two lasting accomplishments. As a general, he repelled a massive British invasion at New Orleans in 1815; and as president, he secured the Union by standing up to Calhoun and his militant proslavery supporters, the forerunners of the secessionist slavocracy, during the Nullification Crisis in 1832-33. Somewhere, Calhoun's shade, embittered by the decision to remove his monument in Charleston, S.C., is smiling grimly at the attacks on his greatest antagonist.

Unless we can learn from history the difference between persons who preach and practice evil and those who at best imperfectly extricate themselves from evil yet achieve great good, we might as well cease building monument to anyone or anything, and cease teaching history except as dogma.