



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
The Rankin Register



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Message from the President



*Robert Rankin President
Michael Bierman*

Presidential Address

As the Robert Rankin Chapter starts the new year, I can look back on the past year and see the many accolades we have received at the state and national level for a small chapter. Under the leadership of Immediate Past President Bruce McMordie, the Rankin Chapter was named Outstanding Chapter in the state for the sixteenth time. As always our youth contest candidates have excelled and this year we notched our sixteenth state winner with two more contests yet to be decided. Additionally, our Compatriot Jack Muggi earned the Patriot Medal, while Jennie Muggi was one of five recipients of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Our chapter provides leadership at the state level, with Jack Muggi being elected Coastal Registrar and Tom Jackson as Alternate Trustee-Elect; Bruce McMordie served as our representative to the Nominations Committee. In addition, it appears that our chapter will provide state committee chairman, as follows: Chris Courter (Public Service and Flag Certificate), Jack (Genealogy), and Tom (Patriot Medal).

- President Michael Bierman



Annual Photo

Top Row (L-R): Dick Wimbish, Allen Greene, Don Andress, Mike Burdette, President Michael Bierman, Harry Woodstrom, Alex Thorne, Bill Sorrells, Tom Jackson. Bottom Row (L-R): IPP Bruce McMordie, Jerry Clanton, Bobby Smith and Fred Jackson

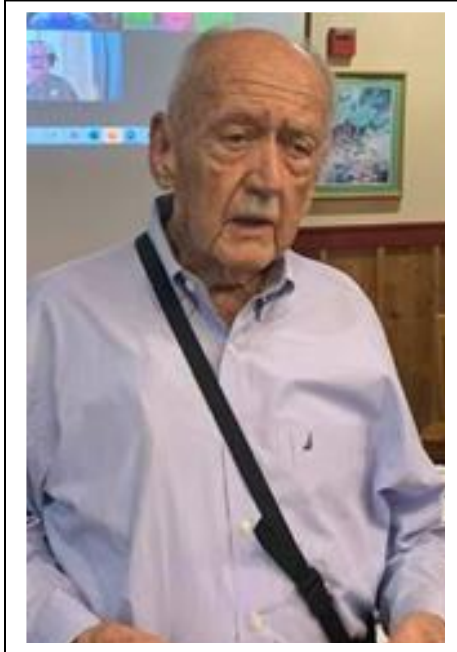
New Members Inductions

We added 10 new members this month, largely attributable to the methods of DAR angel Jennie Muggli, Tom Jackson and Jack Muggli. There are three members who are inducted this evening. They include Dick Wimbish, Philip Andress and Thomas Burdette.



Above: New member Dick Wimbish. Dick's path to proving his ancestry was an interesting journey – his mother had been adopted.

Below: New member Don Andress. His Patriot Ancestor is Uriah Squires through his son George Washington Squires and his grandson William C Squires who married Mary Ann Davis.



Above: New member Thomas Michael "Mike" Burdette let us know about his Patriot, Solomon Langston. Solomon served for a period of time in the Spartan Regiment as a Lieutenant under Captain Wofford.

In Mike's own words: I was born on November 6, 1938 in Rome Georgia, a city 70 miles north of Atlanta. I attended public schools in Rome and graduated in 1956. After graduation I attended Shorter University in Rome. I obtained a degree in Business Administration. After graduation I moved to Atlanta and worked for Citizens and Southern Bank (now defuncted). In 1962 I started a career with Shell Oil Company, which lasted 36 years. I served in many positions with Shell. In 1963 I joined the U.S. Army and served for 3 years as a Special Agent in Army Intelligence. After my service in the Army, I returned to work with Shell. While employed with Shell, I lived in Atlanta twice and Charlotte, North Carolina. We moved to Houston in December 1970, where I finished my career. I am married and have a blended family. My wife Carol and I have 6 children and 12 grand children and 1 great-grandchild.



Tom Jackson (L) and Allen Greene (R) stand alongside Harry Woodstrom (C), who proudly displays the certificate the Robert Rankin Chapter received for supporting Wreaths Across America.

2021 Annual Texas State Convention

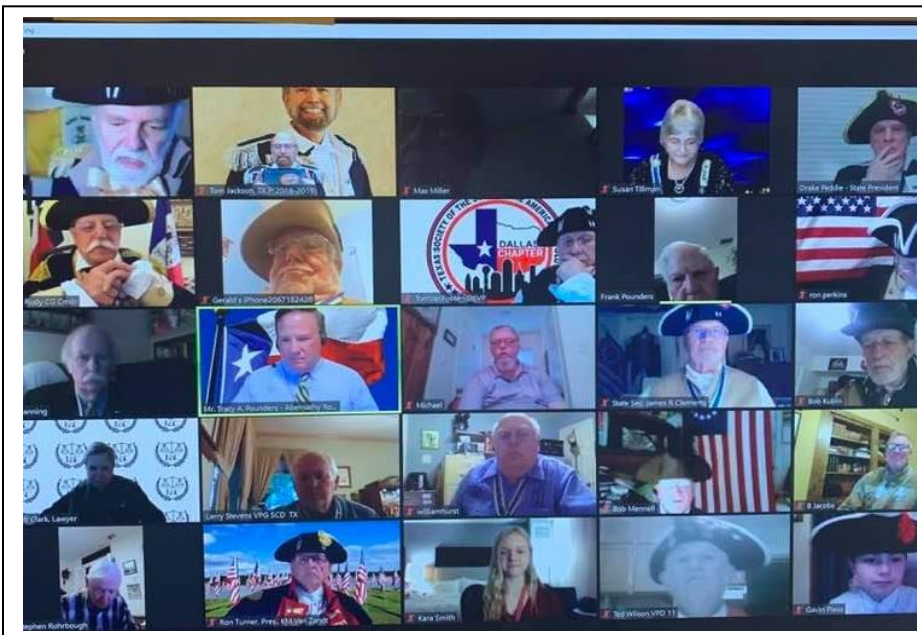
For the second year in a row, the Texas State Convention is held via Zoom. President Drake Peddie repeated his mantra of “We don’t hit the pause button”! President General Jack Manning is present via Zoom, which makes this qualify as a national meeting for Color Guard recognition. All members who are in color guard via Zoom may count this.

Representing the Robert Rankin Chapter is President Michael Bierman, Immediate Past President Bruce McMordie and Tom Jackson. Bruce, a former Merchant Marine, is resplendent in his Marine green colonial uniform! Rankin Compatriot Jack Muggli, Coastal Registrar, is also present.

On Sunday of the convention, the memorial service is held for Texas Compatriots who have passed and have become members of the eternal chapter. This presentation has music and is PowerPoint based with a slide for each Compatriot.

Patriot Medal Chairman Tom Jackson prepared a multimedia salute, replete with a commendation voice over by senior Patriot Medal Holders to the 2021 Class of Patriot Medal Honorees. The six winners for 2021 include Bill Adriance (Galvez), Louis “Lou” P. Colantoni (William Hightower), William Hurst (Plano), Jack Muggli (Robert Rankin), Mel Oller (Freedom) and Larry Spradlin (Sharp).

The Robert Rankin Chapter was richly rewarded for all of the contributions from its members. The State awarded the chapter with the John K. Harrell C.A.R. Competition Award, Outstanding Chapter Award Group 2 (40-99 members), Texas Enhanced JROTC Award for sponsoring 1st Place Winner Cadet Diana Cantu, George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay and Texas SAR C.A.R. Essay 2nd Place Winner Scholarship Contests for sponsoring Victoria Smith and The Col. M. Hill Patriot Fund Award. Jack Muggli, Chris Courter & Tom Jackson received individual awards.



Jack Muggli – 2021 Patriot Medal Recipient

Robert Rankin’s own Jack Muggli was selected as one of six candidates to receive the 2021 Patriot Medal. The Patriot Medal is the highest award that an SAR member may receive from the State Society. At the very first meeting Jack attended, the vacancy of the Texas Coastal Registrar was announced and Jack raised his hand and said, “I Can do that!”



Since inception, he has reviewed 680 applications and transmitted 581. In so doing, he has rejected 1 out of 6 applications and returned them with instructions on the areas that need improvement. In conjunction with the 2018 National Congress, the notables project was launched. Jack embraced the concept and helped research and process applications of several notables. These included Judge Ridgeway of Houston, Brazos County Judge Edgar Peters (Bush Library recognition), and welcoming speaker Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle. Other notables were Justice Wise of Texas Court of Appeals, Four Star General Joseph Ashy and ten expedited and approved applications. Those included six WWII combat veterans, and one who died within an hour of receiving his certificate. Jack has served as a Chapter officer, State officer, and for the last three years as State Genealogy Committee Chairman giving numerous state and chapter genealogy presentations.

Robert Rankin Patriot Medal Winners

- Jack Muggli (2021)
- Allen Greene (2017)
- Thomas Jackson (2013)
- Ed Raines (2010)
- Raymond Cox (2008)
- Allan Henshaw (1995)

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Upcoming Events

- Rankin Annual Meeting,** May 12
- Spring Creek Barbecue (Katy Fwy)**
- National Congress, Renton Washington** July 8
- Summer BOM, Zoom** Aug 6-7
- South Central District, Richardson Texas** Aug 27-28