



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

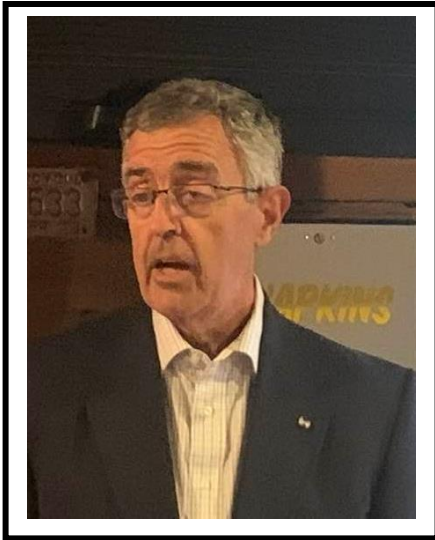


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## Message from the President



*Robert Rankin President Alex D. Thorn. President Thorne gave an overview of the 2022-2023 Chapter Year, his goals for the Robert Rankin Chapter, and how you can help accomplish them.*

Over the years this Chapter has been blessed to have several energetic members who have made ensuring the Chapter's success a priority in their lives. If we are to succeed in the long run, we need to do a better job of spreading the work across our membership.

I sent our members two surveys. I ask that you fill them out and return them to me.

The first survey addresses our meetings: your officers want to make sure that we plan our meetings so that they are interesting to you. We want to know if there are things we can do, or should change, to increase the likelihood that you will attend regularly.

The second survey is a Member Interest Form and it lists nearly all of the SAR programs and many of the activities required to run a successful Chapter.

All successful organizations have a succession plan for its key roles. In my opinion the key roles in a SAR Chapter are probably the Committee Chairmen and the Registrars and Genealogists – because these are the members who make the Chapter run. The best succession plan for Robert Rankin is to have additional hands working on our projects and working with the documentation for new members.

## Robert Rankin Committees

Interested? Check with Alex Thorne!

### Chapter

Awards / Recognition  
 DAR Liaison  
 Flag Program  
 Nominations  
 Prospective Members  
 Publicity  
 Hospitality  
 Webmaster

### Youth Programs

C.A.R. Liason  
 Eagle Scout  
 JROTC  
 Knight Essay  
 Brochure Contest  
 Poster Contest

### Adult Programs

History Teacher  
 Public Service  
 Veterans

### Color Guard

Commander  
 Flag Certificates



*TXSSAR Secretary Mel Oller (L) poses with Robert Rankin President Alex Thorne.*

## April Meeting

TXSSAR Secretary Mel Oller joined the meeting to provide a report on the 2022 State Convention; Tom Jackson gives his own snapshot below. At the chapter meeting, Tom gives a talk on lineage societies. Finally, Fred Jackson gave a trifecta presentation comprised of the biography of John Morrison, Patriot; the Battle of Bennington and the biography of General John Stark, Commander at Bennington.



*We are treated to an ancestor presentation by new member George Walker. George earned the farthest to drive award at almost 100 miles!*



*Fred Jackson entertained and informed during the Speakers Program.*

### Public Service Honoree

April 19, 2022. At right, Tom Jackson presents Inspector Michael Bunn of the Jersey Village Fire Dept. the Fire Safety medal and certificate while Chief Mark Bitz watches. In July 1991 Inspector Bunn joined as a volunteer and rose to the position of Assistant Chief in our volunteer ranks. Today, he is the fire inspector for the department. All public service honorees also receive a Covid-19 Heroic Service Certificate.





# 127th Annual State Convention: April 30-May 3, 2022 Richardson, TX

## Thursday



This is the hook event and features headstone cleaning (top left: **Paul Rideour, Tom Jackson, Compatriot Bob, Ed Sellers and President Drake Peddie.**) Following was a discussion of different lineage societies. **Wayne Courreges** (top right) talked about Society of Colonial Wars. **John Thompson** (bottom left) encourages Compatriots to join Society of the War of 1812. Rankin Compatriot **Tom Jackson** (bottom right) covers four: Sons of the Revolution, S&D of Officers of Colonial Militia, the Order of Founders of North America and the Texas Genealogical College.



## Friday



At the President's reception. From l to r: Treasurer David Kinsey, Rankin Compatriot Tom Jackson, Pres Elect Sam Massey, and Secretary Mel Oller.

## Saturday



Jim Kykendahl (left) of the Freedom Chapter is the newly installed President of the Texas SAR. National PG Elect John Dodd of California (right).

## Out and About



*MEDVAMC VAVS committee chair and Robert Rankin member, Allan Perkins, participated in the MEDVAMC Volunteer Appreciation Week event. He also helped by passing out the thank you gifts for the volunteers present. BBQ was served. Allan said the event was particularly enjoyable, because, due to COVID, this was the first time the MDVANC volunteers met in person in more than two years.*

## Upcoming Events

<b>Rankin Annual Meeting, Spring Creek BBQ</b>	May 11
<b>National Congress, Savannah, GA</b>	July 10-15
<b>Summer Texas SAR BOM, ZOOM</b>	August TBD
<b>Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney</b>	October 21-23
<b>Wreaths Across America</b>	December 17

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2022-2023

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