



# Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

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### *Color Guard Recognition*

*by Pat Kerr, President (2007-2008)*

I am pleased to report that our color guard has been both recognized as well as expanded, and not by means of girth alone! At our March meeting, we were pleased to have Tom Green, Past President of the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution award color guard medals to both Ed Raines and Richard Shanks. In addition, I am proud to join the ranks of the color guard as well. My uniform is from D.M. Neuhaus, phone # 817-496-4160. email [dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com](mailto:dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com).



Tom Green expounds on Baron Friedrich Von Stuben, who was never a Baron nor a General in the Prussian Army! He was recruited by Franklin and although known for his colorful swearing, he did instill drill and discipline into the troops at Valley Forge. He drew up a code of drill now known as "The Blue Book" and instituted officer inspections of enlisted men and a sanitary regime. His drill and discipline was evident in the Battle of Monmouth and he paved the way for other foreign officers.



(From left to right: Richard Shanks, Tom Green, and Ed Raines) Tom Green has just awarded to Richard Shanks and Ed Raines the Color Guard Bronze Medal and the accompanying certificate.



(From left to right, Richard Shanks and Tom Green) Rankin Compatriot Richard Shanks receives his Bronze Color Guard Medal from former TXSSAR

### *What They Did*

Ed Raines and Richard Shanks, over a three year period of time, participated as a color guard unit, together or with others in over 130 events including flag shows, parades, naturalization ceremonies, presentation of colors, chapter events and state events. A big tri corner tip of the hat to Ed & Richard! Thanks Gents!



The uniform that has been chosen by the TXSSAR is the uniform of the Artillery. The soldier has an ornamental spear and has a blue jacket with scarlet facing, white vest and white overalls. The picture shows pewter buttons, however the State Society has chosen gold buttons. This uniform or a variation thereof was generally worn by the Continental Artillery from 1777-1783. The Board of War adopted this uniform in 1779.

### Requirements for the NSSAR Color Guard Medal

The SAR Color Guard Medal may be awarded for service to the Society at the National, District, State and Chapter Levels.

The Bronze Color Guard Medal is for service at the State and Chapter Levels. The Silver Color Guard Medal is for service at the District and National Levels. The Gold Color Guard Medal may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander, his Deputy, and by the NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year.

Recipients may only receive the awarded once at each level (once at the State/Chapter levels and once at District/National Levels). Oak leaf clusters are not allowed. This medal is for three years service at the appropriate level. It may be broken, not

continuous service and the participant must attend 50% of the scheduled activities.

#### Our State Color Guard/Flag Committee

Dr. James Johnson	Commander
John W. Knox	SCD Commander
Mike Radcliff	Northern Comm.
Donald Stone	Southern Comm.
Richard Robinett	FSB SDC VPG
Michael Green	
Tom Whitelock	
William Walker	



The Color Guard Look! From left to right, Rankin President Pat Kerr in Continental Blues, Ed Raines in Texas Pride, Richard Shanks & Tom Green in Artillery Uniforms.

#### *Upcoming Events:*

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Meeting  
(at Carrabbas on Katy Fwy.)

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Genealogy Forum in  
Sugarland \*

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Genealogy Forum, Bayland  
Community Center

March 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

State Conv. in Arlington\*

\*Check State Website