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It's Essay Contest Time

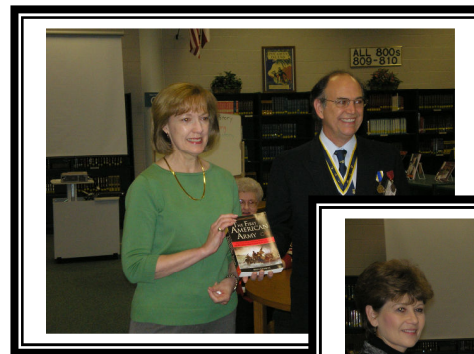
by Thomas Jackson, President (2008-2009)

January and February are busy meetings for our Chapter as it pertains to youth contests. Beginning with the first full year of the Chapter in 2003 Robert Rankin has been active in the George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest. That year Ed Raines, our initial essay contest chairman, started public school participation in this contest with Ms. Penny Rosas. Our efforts were rewarded as Jeffrey Pickard was selected as the 1st place finisher in the state contest as announced at the state convention on March 13, 2004! In 2006 our nominee Stephanie Bishop was selected as the 3rd place finisher in the state. Ed Raines passed the chairmanship to David Jones in 2007.

We have high hopes for our top essayist, Usama Kahn of Mayde Creek High School who is shown on the left below receiving his Certificate of Appreciation, BGCMB, and \$300 savings bond from Rankin President Tom Jackson.



In addition to presenting certificates and savings bonds to the second and third place finishers the Rankin Chapter also presented a BGCMB and certificate to Ms. P.T. Dinh, outstanding AP American History student of Mayde Creek High School. Shown below, she is on the left while Chapter VP & Essay Contest Chairman David Jones on the right.



The Rankin Chapter also presented Julie Long, Librarian, with a book for their library and never wanting to miss an opportunity to present a flag certificate, Tom Jackson presents one to the Sandra Wilson, assistant principal at Mayde Creek High School.

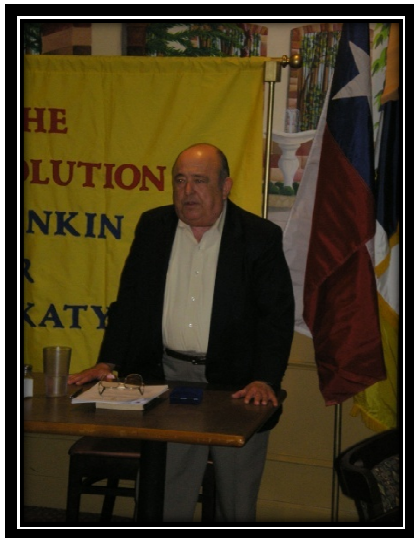
Our February Meeting

The principal order of business at our February meeting is the election of officers. The following slate was elected by acclamation:

President	David Jones
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VP/Secretary	Bob Smith
Treasurer	Steve Tanner
Chaplain	David Crum
Sgt at Arms	Ed Raines
Registrar	Fred Jackson
Chancellor	Allan Henshaw
Historian	Steve Tanner

Our Program

Our program goal for every meeting is intended to have three parts, Educational, Historical and Patriotic. This month we were successful! Our principal speaker was retired USA Major David Jones who is shown below and spoke of his second tour of duty in Vietnam with both humor as well as poignancy.



Since in the month of February we celebrate Washington's Birthday, (February 22nd) the Chapter turned to Ed Raines whom spoke to us about Washington's fleet of six schooners, financed in no small part by the purse of Martha Washington. In the photo

below, Ed Raines, retired Lt. Commander USN, holds Washington's naval flag and explains the meaning of the pine tree and the patriots' "appeal to Heaven".



Compatriot Kerr, shown on the left, enlightens us with additional historical facets of Washington's life and times.

Compatriot Frederick Jackson, shown below with his map, tells of his ancestors, their extended families, and the battles in which they participated.



Upcoming Events

Mar 11th Annual Chapter Meeting

Mar 19th to 22th

*State Convention. in Nacogdoches,
Check State Website*

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