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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.

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!



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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.

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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 + sets rights
- 3. It limits...

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8th Grade
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The poster features a background of stars and stripes, with the words "The Bill of Rights" written in large, stylized letters. A cartoon Uncle Sam character is at the bottom right, holding an American flag. The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION EVENTS

featuring

GIRL POWER

The poster is decorated with stars and stripes. It features four panels with illustrations and text. The top left panel shows a girl in a red cape and green dress. The top right panel shows a girl in a blue dress and black hat. The bottom left panel shows a girl in a blue dress and black hat. The bottom right panel shows a girl in a black dress and black hat. The text in the panels is small and difficult to read, but it appears to be providing information about the events.

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.

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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).



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Allen Greene

Allan Perkins

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

Allan Perkins

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.

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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

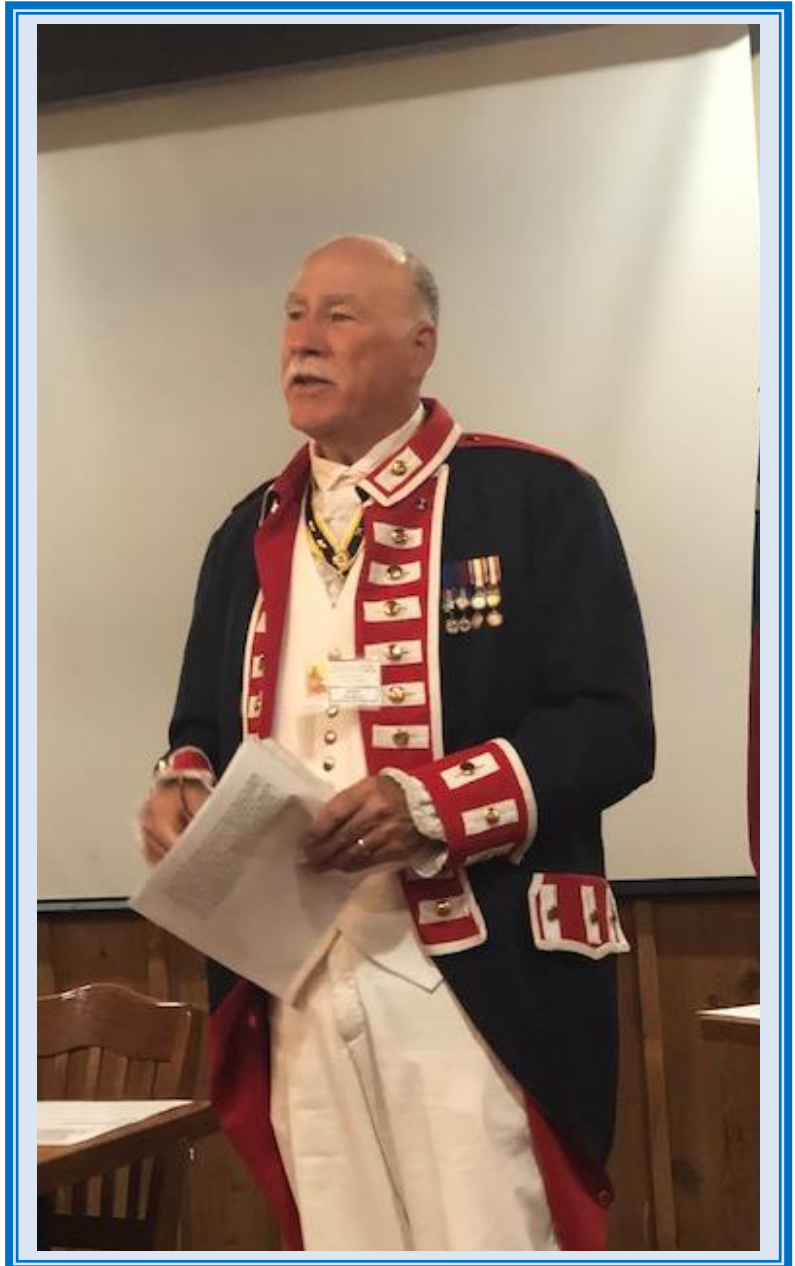
Historian: Tom Jackson and
Allen Greene

Registrar: Tom Jackson

Genealogist: Jack Muggli

Sgt. At Arms: Jerry Clanton

Chaplain: Alex Thorne



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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.

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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.



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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.