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Farewell Message from the President



Robert Rankin President **Michael Bierman**

As President of the Robert Rankin Chapter for the past year, I have good reason to express my heartfelt thanks to the officers, members, and friends of the chapter. We as a chapter have continued to grow.

At the 131st Congress of the National Society of the SAR, the Robert Rankin Chapter was again awarded the President General's Activities Award, given to the chapter, based upon size, that showed evidence of the most complete practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions in 2020-21. In other words, the Robert Rankin Chapter was honored as the most outstanding small chapter in the United States.

Thank you, officers, members, and friends of the chapter!

Special thanks to **Bruce McMordie** for being our Zoom Host for the two years of Covid and buying the software and hardware necessary to make it work.

Thank you for your support and giving me the opportunity to serve a chapter that deserves to grow and prosper, and will grow and prosper with your continued support and participation. Although I am leaving this office, I will continue to participate in this growing chapter and help my successor in any way possible.

In closing, I would like to paraphrase the great JFK, ask not what the Chapter can do for you, ask what you can do for the Chapter.



The Robert Rankin Color Guard is present at every meeting, marched in the Dickens parade, and is present for school presentations which include JROTC. **Allen Greene** has been the chapter color guard commander for seven years; he will be retiring and will be replaced by **Billy Sorrels**. Shown in the photo to the left is **Allen Greene, Bobby Smith, Michael Bierman, Fred Jackson**. Not shown are **Tom Jackson** and **Billy Sorrels**.

February Meeting

- ❖ This Day in History - "General Lachlan McIntosh is exchanged for General Charles O'Hara," by Fred Jackson
- ❖ Election of the 2022-23 chapter officers and committee chairmen

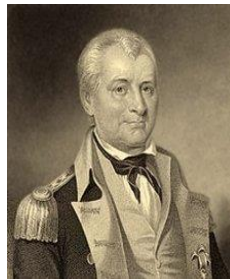
2022-2023 Officers

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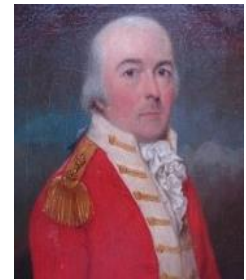


Fred Jackson presenting This Day in History.

General Lachlan McIntosh is exchanged for General Charles O'Hara



Celebrated for his exploits during the war, General Lachlan McIntosh is best known for killing Georgia Declaration of Independence signer Button Gwinnett in a duel. He was one 5,000 men imprisoned when General Benjamin Lincoln was forced to surrender.



General Charles O'Hara, second-in-command to General Charles Cornwallis, was the officer who surrendered Cornwallis' sword to George Washington at Yorktown. The rank of General O'Hara gives an indication of the rank and prestige of Lachlan McIntosh.



Our February meeting is always a celebration of George Washington, his life and ideals. Allen Greene often portrays George to students in schools.

Interesting tidbits that Allen shared with us include the fact that Washington conscientiously cultivated "good character" from his boyhood.

At 14 years of age, he completed 110 "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation.

Washington cultivated and modeled one of the pillars of republican citizenship – virtue, without which the other two pillars of republican citizenship – liberty and commerce, collapse.

Public Service Awards & Covid Heroic Service

Robert Rankin recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of **Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services** for their contributions to the community in addition to **Lifesaving** and **Heroism** awards to recognize heroic acts with a commendation and medal.

In addition, Rankin Compatriots have awarded over 100 certificates of appreciation for those who help combat the pandemic. This includes DAR Ladies who sewed masks, health care professionals, as well as those involved in public service.

Rankin Compatriot Jackson presents special recognition as part of his involvement with the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce.



A Heroism Commendation and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger. *Officer Dailem Corzo with Cy-Fair ISD Police Dept.*



The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. *Paramedic Nick Stuart with Cypress Creek EMS.*



The Emergency Medical Services Commendation and Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. *Dr. Lesley Osborn (far left) with Cy-Fair Fire Department.*



The Fire Safety Commendation and Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. *Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladder 13 and Engine 8.*

George Washington Birthday Dinner



78th George Washington Birthday Dinner, with the Paul Carrington Chapter, recognizing Elizabeth Blanton Wareing with the Distinguished Service Award. Compatriot **Tom Jackson** represents the Robert Rankin Chapter.



This evening **Tom Jackson** (L) helps to present the colors. **John Thompson** (R) is the color guard commander. Once a Marine, always a Marine.

Upcoming Events

Rankin Annual Meeting, Spring Creek BBQ	March 10
Texas Society, D.A.R. State Conference	March 17
Texas Society, C.A.R. State Conference	March 25
Texas SAR Convention, Richardson, TX	March 30 - April 3
National Congress, Savannah, GA	July 10-15
Texas Society SAR BOM, ZOOM	August TBD
Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney, TX	October 21-23
Wreaths Across America	December 17

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