



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 1

Organized April 2002



January 2018



Dr. Christopher Hammons (I) with President Allen Greene

Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Spring Creek Barbecue January Highlights

- ❖ Dr. Christopher Hammons is our speaker. His topic was Paul Revere in Myth and Meaning.
- ❖ David Zachmeyer and Jack Muggli are inducted as new members by President Allen Greene.
- ❖ Jerry Clanton gave an Ancestor Presentation entitled "Too Many Georges."
- ❖ Tom Jackson gave the Educational Presentation, which focused on the impact of Harvey, CFISD contributions for Harvey Relief, HEB contributions for Harvey Relief, CY Volunteer FD Harvey Relief.
- ❖ Recognition of the Heroes of Harvey.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 2

Organized April 2002



January 2018

“The landfall of Hurricane Harvey was just the beginning of a long, but rewarding week for CFVFD. Like so many areas, we faced torrential rain and inland flooding. Late one night, our rescue team was dispatched to a reported capsized boat near Black Horse golf course. The team consisted of a district chief, a rescue boat with a crew of three, and an engine crew. The rescue boat was launched north of Big Cypress Creek from where the distress call had come. Lt. Chad Corliss and I did a quick safety check of the rescue boat, donned our gear, and proceeded to search for the boat. “We soon located the boat and secured two adults and two children. We then learned about a stranded adult hanging onto a tree in the rapidly moving waters of Cypress Creek. The crew of Rescue Boat 3 and I decided to enter the water. Our plan was to ferry upstream, enter the current in a small opening of a tree clearing, travel downstream to the victim, and execute a “J” turn that allowed us to snatch the man from the water. We executed the plan and soon had our first of what would soon be 11 people out of harm’s way. The man rescued from the tree was extremely emotional, saying he had felt death was imminent. Once on land, he tearfully thanked us. “The Rescue Boat 3 crew then resumed searching the flooded area. Daylight had not arrived. Lighting was limited. We soon saw a flash of a light deep into the flooded area. As we navigated toward the light through the debris, we saw several more people hanging onto trees in the rushing water. The first person we came to was a mother with her a young boy who was about seven years old. From there, we rescued another child and three men. As we headed back to shore through the flooded water, I asked the boy what his name was and he said, ‘My name is Christopher.’ At that moment the situation took on a surreal feeling for Lt. Corliss and myself. We had seven victims on shore, with the original four that were rescued on a nearby bridge. Once all 11 were on shore, a military crew was waiting to take them to a medical facility All of this happened under the illumination of a helicopter light requested by our fire chief.” One of the rescued citizens mentioned that her service dog was lost. The crew of Rescue Boat 3 and I, with the assistance of a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter crew, resumed searching the flooded area for the service dog. We listened carefully for barks or unusual noises. After several passes in the rescue boat, we heard a faint dog bark from the woods. The water was thick with debris and it remained difficult to navigate. After several passes near the dog, we decided to place the handler in the boat to help with our search. On our last attempt to locate the dog, a very loud dog bark echoed in the wooded area. We then saw the dog tangled in a tree. He was covered in ants and shaking. We soon were able to get him into the boat take him and his handler to shore. “This rescue was the best possible outcome. Our team helped 11 men, women and children and a service dog survive dangerous floodwaters in the dark of night. This incident reflects the best of what we’re trying to do for the community. I could not be prouder of the people of CFVFD.



In the photo at the left,
and from left to right:

Lt. Chad Corliss, Capt. Ron
Fangmann, District Chief
Larry Landriault, and Capt.
Chris Garcia.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 3

Organized April 2002



Celebrating the Heroes of Harvey



In the photo above, from left to right are, Marti Owens (H-E-B), Joe Scala (H-E-B), Leslie Manning Francis, Courtney Abney, Cy Fair Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Chris Garcia, Fire Chief Amy Ramon, and Tom Jackson.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 4

Organized April 2002



January 2018



Dr. Christopher Hammons of Houston Baptist University

Dr. Hammons spoke to the Robert Rankin Chapter a couple a years ago about George Washington. He also has spoken at our Texas Annual Conference about the three most important documents that have influenced our belief in equality...The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights and the Gettysburg. Dr. Hammons is the Director of the Center for Law and Liberty and a professor of Government at Houston Baptist University. He teaches course in Constitutional History, Political Philosophy and Presidential Politics.

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere





Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 5

Organized April 2002



January 2018

Too Many Georges



Jerry Clanton



Jerry Clanton faced a daunting task. He had to prove that both the DAR and SAR had picked the wrong George Fluker. It took him a year of research to find the documentation to prove his analysis was correct. In essence, the patriot had two sons, each of whom named one of their children after the patriot. Thus, you had two grandchildren with the same name as the patriot. Each grandson in turn had a son named George, as well. A will of one of the grandsons named George was found, but was attached to the wrong grandson! Jerry then had to prove the lineage and the names of wives and other children to separate the two grandsons and thus claim his heritage.



Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 6

Organized April 2002



Harvey's Heroes



Sons of the American Revolution Robert Rankin Chapter says Thank You to some of Harvey's Heroes! In the photo above (L-R): Robert Rankin Chapter President Allen Greene, Marti Owens (H-E-B), Joe Scala (H-E-B), & Texas SAR President Tom Jackson.





Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Rankin Register

Volume 13, Issue 1 Page 7

Organized April 2002



January 2018

During Hurricane Harvey, H-E-B's total giving to disaster relief efforts exceeded \$5.86 million in monetary commitments, support of emergency shelters, Food Bank donations, volunteer hours and the deployment of H-E-B's Mobile Kitchens and Disaster Relief Units. Charles Butt, H-E-B Chairman and CEO, made a personal \$5 million donation to the J. J. Watt Foundation and another \$100,000 to Prairie View A&M students affected by the storm.

More Heroes from Harvey

Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept. Fire Chief Amy Ramon and Captain Chris Garcia with Robert Rankin Chapter President Allen Greene and Texas SAR President Tom Jackson.

