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Message from the President



Robert Rankin President
Michael Bierman

My year as President is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a good year for myself serving as your president and the chapter has prospered, as well. We will induct six new members at our meeting today despite Covid. This is attributable to the teamwork between **Jack Muggli**, **Jennie Muggli** and **Tom Jackson**. To be certain, **Fred Jackson** gets credit for an assist as he has brought outstanding speakers to us throughout the year. The Rankin policy is that we offer to work up the lineage for any of our speakers so they can become members in our organization.

January is the month where we pound the pavement looking for our new officers to serve in the coming year. New blood is important as fresh ideas and energy are injected. I would remind everybody that even if you don't want to be an officer, there is committee work to be done, as well as participation outside the meetings as evidenced by the number of our members who joined in on Wreaths Across America.

January Meeting Guest Speaker – Kristie Byram Campbell



President **Michael Bierman** (L) and **Jerry Clanton** (R) present Ms. Campbell a Guest Speaker Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Campbell is also the scheduled guest speaker for the May meeting.

January Meeting -This Day in History



President **Michael Bierman** calls for nominations for Robert Rankin Chapter #62 2022-23 officers

Hugh Mercer (16 January 1726 – 12 January 1777) was a Scottish soldier and physician who participated in the Seven Years' War, became a brigadier general in the American Continental Army and was a close friend to George Washington. Mercer died as a result of his wounds received at the Battle of Princeton and became a fallen hero, as well as a rallying symbol of the American Revolution. Mercer's courage and sacrifice allowed for a series of events that would allow the American forces to rally.

New Member Inductees:

Jack Penman
 Jim Wise
 Kenneth Wise
 Terry Harper
 Michael Bell Jr,
 Michael Bell Sr,
 Michael Walker

Guest Speaker – Kristie Byram Campbell

The Robert Rankin Chapter was joined by Kristie Byram Campbell. She is a 3-time honorary Regent of the San Jacinto Chapter DAR and also Texas Vice Chair for DAR/SAR. In addition, she is a retired 18-year teacher of government and history. An excellent speaker and presenter, she & Tom Jackson presented the Battle of Trenton or "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." Tom has been invited by other chapters to give this presentation before but for tonight's presentation he had an opportunity to further develop the PowerPoint. This presentation leads into the Battle of Trenton by discussing the Hessians.



Wreaths Across America

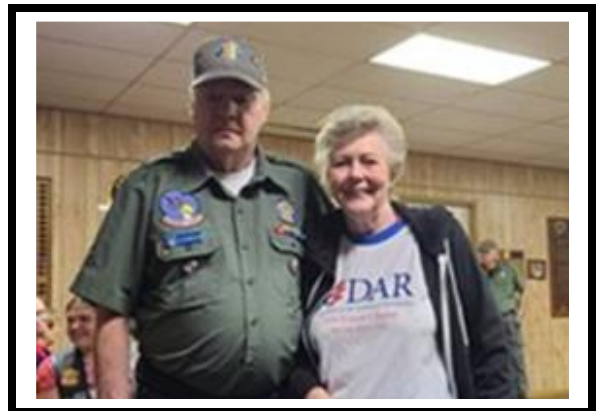
On December 18, 2021 members of the Robert Rankin Chapter once again participated in Wreaths Across America by placing wreaths on the graves of veterans at 4 locations in Houston and surrounding areas. In addition to volunteering to lay wreaths, the Rankin Chapter sponsored 61 wreaths in 2021.

Tom Jackson and **Michael Bierman** were present at Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, Houston. Some of the participating organizations who volunteered alongside Rankin Compatriots include the following: Sons of the Revolution (Texas Society), Daughters of the American Revolution (Lady Washington and Tejas Chapters), Children of the American Revolution (James Bates Society), Diamonds and Dollars (charity society), Fort Bend Kempner JROTC, VFW Post 8790 and Sea Scouts. Tom was a speaker once again this year.

Allan Perkins joined in the laying of wreaths at the Houston National Cemetery on Veterans Memorial Drive.



David Zachmeyer, representative of Viet Nam Veterans of America and Robert Rankin Chapter of the SAR, along with his wife, **Judy**, attended the event at the Columbus, Texas Veterans Memorial Hall and Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus, Texas. Event participants included the Columbus ISD, the Columbus Chapter Viet Nam Veterans of America, the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, the Robert Rankin Chapter of the SAR, and the John Everett Chapter of the DAR.



*In the top photo, David and Judy Zachmeyer in Columbus, TX. In the bottom photo, at the Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, TX, Robert Rankin member **Dick Wimbish** is pictured with his grandson. Also in attendance was Robert Rankin member **Harry Woodstrom** (not pictured).*



*L-R: **President Michael Bierman** and **Tom Jackson** pose with Honorary Regent Tejas Chapter DAR **Virginia Evans** and Fort Bend ISD Kempner HS JROTC Instructor **Lionel Jackson**.*

New Members: Jim Wise & Justice Ken Wise



Jim P. Wise was appointed to the UH System Board of Regents in 2006 by Governor Rick Perry and served through August 31, 2011. He served on the Search Committee that recommended Dr. Renu Khator, served as vice chair of the Board of Regents twice, secretary once, member of the Executive Committee, chaired the Finance Committee. He also served on the Facilities Committee, Construction Committee, Endowment Committee, Audit Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee.

Wise is a managing member of Haddington Energy Partners III, and Haddington Energy Partners IV, with over 45 years of business experience with several public companies.

A native Houstonian and fourth generation Texan, Jim is a member of many civic and professional organizations, among them Life Member of the Houston Metropolitan Area Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Houston, and serves on the board of several corporations.



Justice Ken Wise sits on the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston. He previously served as Judge of both the 334th and 152nd District Courts in Harris County. He is a member of the Texas Judicial Council and a director of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. He is an adjunct professor at Houston Baptist University and a former adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center. He is the creator and host of the award-winning Texas history podcast "Wise About Texas." Justice Wise has published numerous journal articles and is a regular speaker on Texas history across the State of Texas. In 2021 Justice Wise was honored by the Texas House of Representatives for his contributions in preserving Texas history.

Upcoming Events

Rankin Meeting, Spring Creek BBQ	February 9
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 Summer BOM, ZOOM	August TBD
Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney, TX	October 21-23
Wreaths Across America	December 17

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