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The February meeting was quite eventful with the end of term required activities as well as ongoing programs.

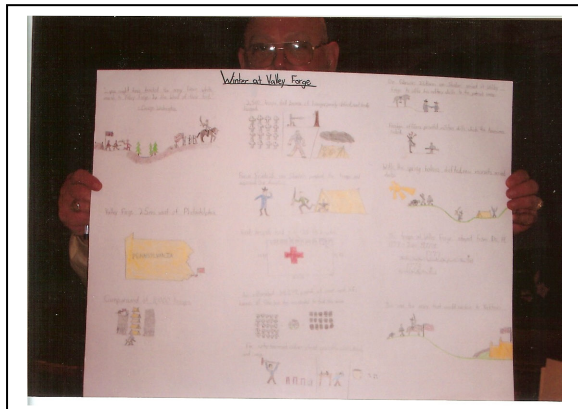
New officers were elected

and the judging of the James Looney Elementary School Poster Contest took place. Poster contest Chairman Ed Raines explained the rules and members voted. Over 250 posters had been submitted and teachers from the elementary schools selected the finalists to be submitted to the chapter for consideration.

Officers Elected

The members of the chapter, constituting a quorum under the bylaws, elected the following individuals as officers to serve from March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007:

President	A. Kelly McBride
President-elect	Patrick Kerr
Secretary-Treasurer	Thomas Jackson
Registrar	Edwin Raines.
Historian	David Jones
Chaplain	Richard Shanks
Chancellor	Allan Henshaw



Compatriot Ed Raines, peering over the top of the winning poster, is pleased with the selection.

Did you know? The 116th NSSAR Annual Congress is scheduled for July 8-12, 2006, at the InterContinental Hotel in Addison, Texas, just north of Dallas. The registration fee is \$270 (\$300 after June 1) and the hotel rooms are \$89 per night. You can make your reservation now by calling the hotel at 972 386-6000. The next Congress is scheduled for July 6-11, 2007, at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Fast Fact: On March 23, 1775,
Patrick Henry gave his famous
speech with the phrase,
“Give me Liberty or give me Death!”

Upcoming Events

March 8, 6:30 p.m. – Social Meeting at King Fish Market, Speaker: Tom Green

March/April Colonial Flag Programs

March 9, 8:30 a.m. Westphalia K-8, Westphalia, Texas

April 5, 10:30 a.m. Westside HS, 14201 Briar Forest Drive

Ed Raines, Richard Shanks, & Tom Green would like your help!

For more details, please contact Ed Raines at 281 693-7203.

April 12, 6:30 p.m. – Business Meeting at IHOP

Member Spotlight

Gustave A. Mistrot



Third President, Robert Rankin Chapter,
March 2005 to
February 2006

Personal: Gus is a fourth

generation Houstonian, born in 1929. He married Bernice Bell in 1984 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Houston. They are members of St. John Vianney Parish. Gus was a Cub Scout Master for three years when he lived in South Texas and is a recipient of the Scouters Key. He is a Past Grand Knight of Houston Council 803, Knights of Columbus.

Educational: Graduate of St. Thomas High School in Houston, and The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Class of 1950, B.S. in Petroleum Engineering.

Professional: Distinguished Member and Legion of Honor Member, Society of Petroleum Engineers. Registered Professional Engineer in Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, and Georgia. Retired from Conoco in 1994.

Historical/Genealogical: Dual Member of Robert Rankin Chapter 62 and Alexander Hodge Chapter 49. Director and Treasurer, Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, Inc. (1986-1999). Trustee, Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (1999-present). President, WCHT (2003-present).

Also a member of General Society of the War of 1812, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Military Order of the Stars and Bars. He was awarded the Jefferson Davis Medal by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2005, in recognition of his grave-marking activities.

Revolutionary War Ancestor: Francisco Segura, who served under General Bernardo de Galvez, in the 5th Company (Captain Francisco Bouligny), 1st Battalion, Fixed Louisiana Regiment. Present at the Battle of Manchac (aka Ft. Bute). Listed as one of the "Original Spanish Settlers" of the Attakapas District, Southwest Louisiana. He raised cattle after the War.

The winners of the Robert Rankin Chapter essay contest, selected at a special meeting held on January 11, are as follows:

1st place: Stephanie Bishop, Mayde Creek
2nd place: Peace Dike, Mayde Creek
3rd place: Sarah Mallams, Langham Creek

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