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Looking Back & Ahead

by Bobby Smith, President (2010-2011)

This evening represents all that is good with the Robert Rankin Chapter. We are honored to have present at our meeting TXSSAR President-Elect Bill Marrs, Virginia Evans, Regent of the Tejas Chapter, and a host of compatriots.

Our chapter is also blessed with having two District Vice Presidents as members, John Thompson and Allan Henshaw, both of whom are invaluable to the Chapter.

This past year our Chapter recorded significant points on the state annual report, which once again should be the highest in the state and put us in good running for the national contest.

I would like to thank the officers and committee chairs for their hard work over the past year. The Chapter owes you a debt of gratitude for the time spent and the devotion and energy you have displayed over the past year.

If we are to continue to set the standard, we must do it together as a team. Our strength has always been a unified effort. So, I encourage all of us to devote ourselves to the Chapter and the accomplishments of its goals and objectives.

Once again thanks for your help and support.

At the March meeting of the Rankin Chapter: Installation of Rankin Officers, from l to r: TXSSAR President-elect Bill Marrs, Bobby Smith (Immediate Past President), Stephen Tanner (President), Allen Greene (Vice Pres. & Treas.), Tom Jackson (Secretary) Fred Jackson (Registrar).



Recognizing the Ladies, One More Time!
(And they should be!)



In the photo above,
Front row, from left to right: Brenda Jackson, Carol Howard, Virginia Evans
Second row, from left to right: Nita Smith, Olga Theron, Bobby Smith, Gail Raines, Karen
Tanner, Stephen Tanner, Bernice Mistrot

Recognitions for the Ladies:

Medal of Appreciation (1st OLC) –

In grateful recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding service rendered to the chapter by a member in good standing of the DAR.

Gail Raines and Marti Thorne

Martha Washington Medal –

In grateful recognition of outstanding service to the chapter.

Sylvia Kerr and Bernice Mistrot

Chapter Service Award –

For outstanding personal service to the chapter during the past 5 years.

Carol Howard, Vonna Mueller and Nita Smith

Certificate of Appreciation –

In recognition of outstanding support giving to the chapter.

Julie Brock, Virginia Evans, Brenda Jackson, Debbie Henshaw and Olga McLaren

*Comments from our soon to be
State President Bill Marrs*



Bill Marrs served as State Genealogist for three years and as Corresponding and State Secretary for ten or so years with two years off for good behavior. (Bill will be sworn in as President at the March state convention that follows the Rankin annual meeting.) He noted that he did not want to be TXSSAR President until he turned 70. He joined the SAR in June of 1990 with a single Patriot whose connection might not be accepted under today's rules. He also reminisced about his Indian heritage as well.

Bill noted that he has three major objectives to accomplish in his single year term as President.

The first is that he would like to initiate electronic meetings using some of the new systems such as *Go to Meeting*. The cost of attending three annual meetings a year has increased with transportation as well as food and lodging. If electronic meetings for committees were successful, he would see the next step as reducing state meetings from three a year to two. The State Convention could be moved to January or February followed by a BOM in August after the July national convention.

The second objective was a review of officer positions with an eye to the creation of a new officer position. Bill noted that it has been at least five years since officer job descriptions were reviewed and he suspected that the workload on some positions has become untenable. Bill will appoint a special committee to review officers' duties and would not be surprised if tasks were rearranged or a position created to handle some IT and communication functions. In addition, he thought a new position called Communication Secretary or Assistant State Secretary might be created for the purpose on handling communications with the membership and maintenance of contact information including DADA email addresses, obtaining new or corrected email address, in addition to postal addresses.

Thirdly, Compatriot Marrs would like to improve communications with members. Bill noted that he did not support an electronic only issuance of the Texas Compatriot and would like to see at least one print copy distributed to individuals upon request. In addition, Bill thought the use of electronic media needed to be enhanced to more effectively communicate with members drawing attention to our news and information.

TXSSAR Officers for 2011-2012

President William M. Marrs
President-Elect Robert M. Clark
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.Immediate Past-President James T. Jones, Jr.
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Web Master Ray Cox



*Out with the Old
And
In with the New!
In a time honored tradition,
Immediate Past President
Bobby R. Smith
places the emblem of office
around the neck of the
10th Rankin President
Stephen Tanner*



Compatriot Ralph Aniol receives special recognition for his work on publicity. Bobby Smith is at the podium.



Bob Smith, left, gives Gus Mistrot his COA for outstanding service while President-Elect Tanner (foreground) worries about what is next on the agenda.



Ash Jackson, left, receives more supplemental certificates from President Bobby Smith.



Photo descriptions, starting above, counter clockwise: (1) Olga Theron receives a COA from Steve Tanner for her assistance with the BOM; (2) Steve Tanner has awarded Bernice Mistrot a Martha Washington Medal for seven years of dedicated service; (3) Virginia Evans, Tejas DAR Chapter Regent has received a COA from Steve Tanner for her assistance with table decorations at the BOM. President-elect Bill Marris is snoozing. (4) Vonna Mueller has received a Bronze Chapter Service Medal from the Chapter for her assistance in the planning of the BOM.



Upcoming Events:

*Mar 10th Annual Chapter Meeting
President-Elect Bill Marris will attend!*

State Convention. in Arlington, Check State Website

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