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Our Flag Programs

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Within the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Robert Rankin Chapter is best known for its participation in the Presentation of Flags to schools, organizations, and also to the general public.

The sheer magnitude of this effort is difficult to appreciate. This special edition is a salute to all of those who have participated, but first and foremost to **Ed Raines** and **Tom Green**.

The year in review:



On January 3, 2006 a presentation is made to the San Jacinto Chapter of the DRT at the Log Cabin in Herman Park. **Ed Raines** is on the left and **Tom Green** is on the right.

During the calendar year just ended the Presentation of Flags was seen by 5,546 adults and children at 42 different locations in 11 different cities in 5 different counties.

Ed Raines has spent over \$3,000 of his own money in the preparation of the program to include purchase of the flags, flag stands, and handouts.



Shown here is **Tom Green** on the left and **Richard Shanks** on the right at the Bayland Community Center for an AARP meeting.



From L to R: **Ed Raines** (playing his fife), a parent, **Tom Green**, and **Richard Shanks**.

This presentation was at Second Baptist Church on January 30th as the first of eight "mega presentations" To qualify as a mega presentation over 200 individuals must be present!



The *Tejas Chapter of the DAR* is a critically important element to the presentations. From L to R: **Gail Raines**, **Vionna Shanks**, and **Virginia Evans**. Collectively these three ladies have contributed an estimated 545 hours or 180 hours, 175 hours, and 190 hours respectively!

Another way of looking at this program is that it was presented to 201 classes of public and private school children at 30 different campuses. In addition, it was presented to approximately 100 home school children and their parents.



In addition to the flag presentations, the Robert Rankin Chapter checked schools for the proper display of the American Flag. **Gail Raines** (left) looks on as **Ed Raines** (center) presents Susan Bishop (left) with an SAR Flag Certificate as well as a Certificate of Appreciation to be awarded to Dr. Susan Rice, Principal of McMeans Junior High School. In conjunction with the Flag Program, 22 Flag Certificates were awarded as were 2 Certificates of Appreciation!

This year, there were four Rankin Com-patriots who gave selflessly of their time and talents in this endeavor. Collectively they contributed approximately 520 volunteer hours. Above and beyond all others was **Ed Raines** with 295 hours. **Richard Shanks** contributed 175 hours while **Tom Jackson** and **Kelly McBride** chipped in 35 hours and 15 hours respectively.



In front of over 500 students and teachers at McMeans Junior High, the Green Mountain Flag is presented. From L to R: **Gail Raines**, **Tom Jackson**, and **Ed Raines**.



All smiles after the King Elementary performance. From L to R: **Richard** and **Vionna Shanks**, **Kelly McBride**, **Gail** and **Ed Raines**, and **Virginia Evans**.



Oct 10th, Wolfe Elementary. From L to R: **Ed Raines**, **Tom Green**, and **Richard Shanks**.