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Our State Meeting

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The State Convention here in Irving was a grand event attended by lads, Tom Jackson, Raymond Cox, Allen Green, Allan Henshaw, and Stephen Tanner. I have asked Tom to load our newsletter with photos once again. The days were full of informative meetings and the evenings full of good fellowship, entertainment, and plenty of atta boys for the Robert Rankin Chapter! The Rankin honors haul was dramatic even by our standards.

The Youth Luncheon



H. Ross Perot delivers the keynote address from the podium with President General David Sympson to his right and Harry Fife & Jim Jones to his left. Mr. Perot highlighted his long-standing support of scouting.

H. Ross Perot was awarded the Gold Good Citizenship Medal during the Youth Awards Luncheon at the Annual Convention. Prior to presentation of the award, TXSSAR President Jim Jones read the application for this nomination including some of the specifics of Perot's assistance to veterans.



Rankin compatriots attending the convention from left to right in the photo above: Allan Henshaw, Ray Cox, Stephen Tanner, Tom Jackson

Editor's note: The Rankin Compatriots are standing in front of the Color Guard Wall. Included in the Memoriam section is a tribute to Richard Shanks.



TXSSAR Outstanding Eagle Scout Roland Salatino stands next to H. Ross Perot.

TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award
The TXSSAR Americanism Awards:

The Rankin Chapter received the Outstanding Small Chapter Award for the sixth consecutive year and was awarded the Americanism Award for the fourth consecutive year. Steve Tanner is shown below accepting both awards on behalf of the chapter. The Chapter not only earned the most points in its size category, but was up there with the large chapters!



The Best of the Best: Peter Baron (left) President of the San Antonio Chapter and Stephen Tanner, President of the Rankin Chapter, both Outstanding Chapters in their size category.

Jim Jones is in the middle while VP Rohrbough is at the podium and VP Russell Dart is behind Stephen.



Jim Jones poses with Rankin President Stephen Tanner who is holding the TXSSAR Americanism Award while Chancellor Hank plays with his cell phone!

For the fifth year in a row, the Historian for Robert Rankin has been honored as having submitted an **Outstanding Yearbook** in its size category for Texas. This year, **Ralph Aniol** submitted a remarkable yearbook and received accolades for creativity and organization. The chapter yearbook takes between 100 and 200 hours to compile.



Steve Tanner, left, and Tom Jackson hold Volume I of the Rankin award winning Yearbook.

TXSSAR Outstanding Newsletter

For the first time in Chapter history, the *Rankin Register* has been honored as being an **Outstanding Newsletter** and received overall third place in the state of Texas in the Ross Shipman contest.

Compatriot **Tom Jackson** started the newsletter six years ago and is ably assisted by copy editors Gus and Bernice Mistrot.



Past President Jim Jones(left) has given Tom Jackson the Ross Shipman award for outstanding newsletter. VP Steve Rohrbough looks on from the podium with President Bill Marrs text messages President-Elect Robert Clark sitting next to him.

The Chapter received for the second year in a row the **The John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award**, named for Compatriot Harrell of the San Antonio Chapter, and intended to recognize those chapters who support strong relationships between the SAR and the Children of the American Revolution.

The Chapter also won the **John K. Harrell CAR Competition Award** for the second straight year and received a monetary award of \$50. Compatriot Bobby Smith has taken the reins from Tom Jackson on these two important CAR activities. Steve receives both awards from VP Russell Dart below.



The Chapter received the **Flag furlong award** and for the fifth year in a row led the state in the issuance of flag certificates! This tradition was started by Compatriot Tom Jackson and Theron McLaren has continued this exceptional effort with help from Steve Tanner, Ed Raines, and Tom Jackson.

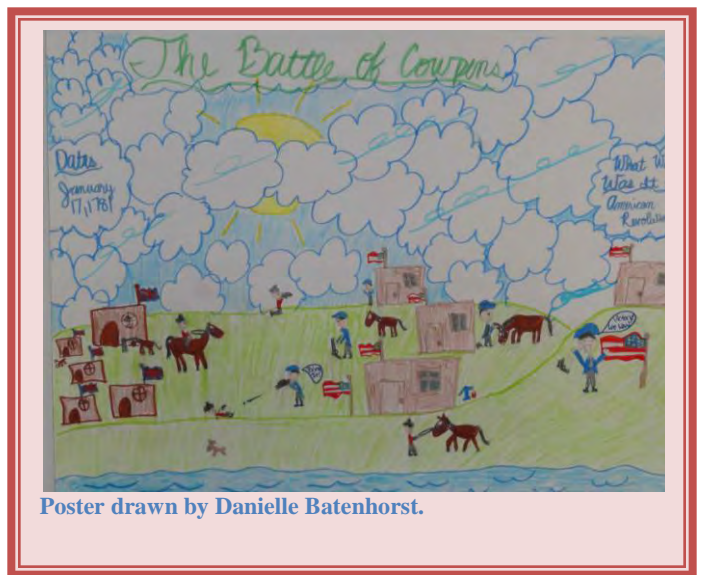


Steve Tanner is on the far left on the Congo line forming to receive the Furlong Awards.

Americanism Contests and Awards

Robert Rankin could not make it a three-peat in sponsoring entries in each of the seven Americanism contest programs. Programs with sponsored entries and their respective Rankin Chairman noted in parenthesis were: Looney Poster Contest (Ed Raines), Knight Essay Contest (David Jones), CAR Essay Contest (Bobby Smith), Eagle Scout Contest (Randy Pearson).

The Rankin Chapter sponsored two award winning CAR Essay contest winners. Tara Power finished second in state while Joli A. Wright was an Honorable Mention winner. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Rankin Chapter has sponsored a winning CAR Essay and the sixth consecutive year that an entry has been sponsored.



Poster drawn by Danielle Batenhorst.

Once again the Rankin Chapter sponsored an award winning entry into the James M. Looney Poster Contest. The theme of the poster was the Battle of Cowpens, which is a most challenging topic.

Ed Raines is the committee chairman of the poster contest and also founded the program. Ed was the first President of the Rankin Chapter.

Individual Compatriot Awards

As you might expect in a chapter such as ours, the State decided to recognize individuals for their contributions of time and talent.

In the photo below, **Allan Henshaw** (left) was presented the SAR Silver Distinguished Service Medal by TXSSAR Immediate Past President Jim Jones for his continuing technical contributions to both the Texas and the National Society.

Allan has held several officer positions at state and chapter level, including District 7 VP and District 8 VP, and chapter president. He is a dual member of the Paul Carrington Chapter and Robert Rankin Chapter.

Allan was the first recipient of the National Society Gold Distinguished Service Medal awarded in 1998 for his IT work for NSSAR.

Allan Henshaw also received the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal from the Rankin Chapter and may be the only Compatriot in the nation to be so recognized at all three levels.



Allan Henshaw (left) receives his award from **Jim Jones**.

Other Awards

The Chapter was also awarded the NSSAR Center for advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign based upon a Chapter Contribution to the national fund. The Chapter contributed \$500 from proceeds it earned from the Board of Managers Meeting in hosted in October 2009.

For the third time in the history of the chapter, Rankin was awarded the Colonel Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award. This award is given to those chapters who increase the contribution to the Patriots Fund over the amount given the prior year.

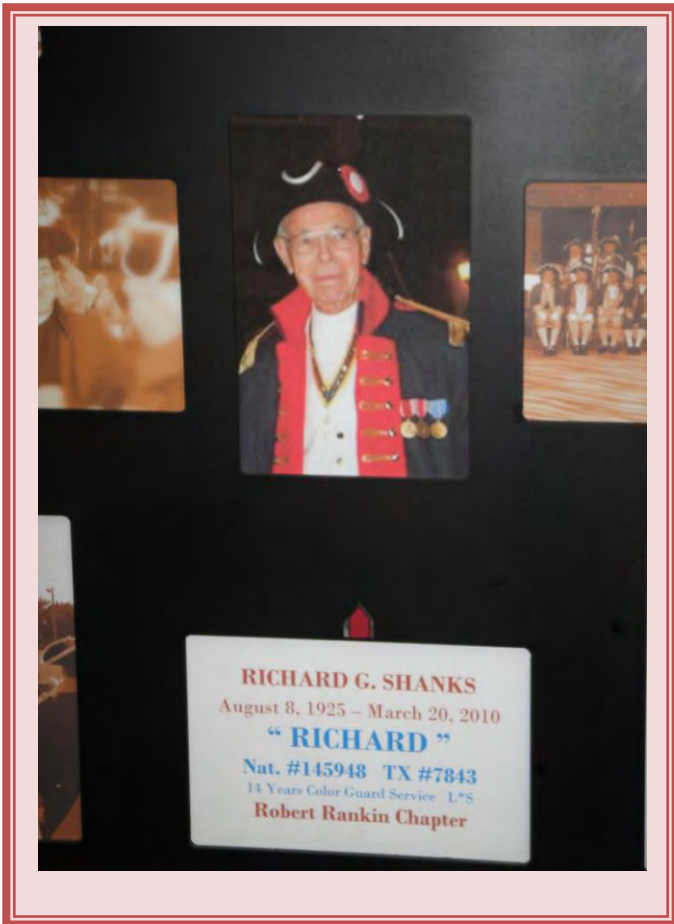
For the first time in Chapter history, the E.A. Limmer award in group two (membership between twenty-six and thirty-nine) was given to the Rankin Chapter. This award is given to the chapter that has the highest percentage of approved supplemental awards. This award was earned largely upon supplementals submitted by Tom and Ash Jackson.

Other Thoughts



Tom Whitelock, in the photo on the left above, has been almost legendary in his roasts of the incoming and outgoing TXSSAR Presidents. He is just starting with the roast of Jim Jones, on the right above.

*Once More with Feeling!
Richard, We will Miss You!*



The color guard Board of Honor

Richard Shanks is highlighted in the middles of the board.

Upcoming Events:

Apr 13th Chapter Meeting

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The National George Washington Parade was well attended by Compatriots from Texas as well as other states. The event was held on February 19, 2011 in Laredo. There were over 400,000 who lined the 31/2 mile parade route. Rankin Compatriots in attendance were Stephen Tanner, back row-third from the right, and Ray Cox, second row, second from the left.