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### *The President's View*

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The second meeting as Rankin President is certainly easier than the first. Although we are breaking for the summer, this does not mean that the Rankin Chapter will be quiet. On Memorial Day, everyone is invited to travel with Stephen Tanner and Tom Jackson to Austin as we rededicate the gravesite of Robert Rankin. This is done with the Patrick Henry Chapter leading the way. If you wear a uniform, be forewarned that you will be given either a musket or a flag to carry. We are also invited to travel to Galveston for a Memorial Day observance, courtesy of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter. Flay Day is on June 14<sup>th</sup> and once again this year we will celebrate Flag Day by placing one hundred flags on the graves of veterans. Come on out. It will be more fun than it is hot! Please contact Tom Jackson or Stephen Tanner if you are interested.

The Fourth of July activities abound. Tom Jackson has been invited to lead the Copperfield Parade while Stephen Tanner, Ginny Evans, and Stephen Tanner will participate in Fourth observances with the Floyd Breedlove VYW Post out of Katy. Bobby Smith has been invited to join the TSCAR Wings of Freedom Society July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities in Fairfield.

Not to be overlooked is the National Congress to be held in Phoenix, Arizona. The Arizona and New Mexico State Societies will jointly host this Congress. It will be held at the exclusive Biltmore Resort Hotel, with its award winning art deco style

architecture and one of the last hotel projects to bear witness to the creativity of Frank Lloyd Wright.

### *Our May Meeting*

*Jointly Held with Tejas Chapter DAR  
And James Bates Society CAR*



Susan Kaufman, shown above, is the Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. This is a branch of the Houston Public Library. Susan received a Speaker Certificate of Appreciation and the Rankin traditional NSSAR coffee mug.

Susan Kaufman joined the Clayton in August 2006 after a six-year stint at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Allen Library is the nation's largest public genealogical library. Sue has been a genealogy librarian for over 25 years and holds a BS in Administration of Justice and Sociology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She spoke of the many resources the Clayton has for SAR members.

## Rankin Recognitions



Compatriot Gustave Mistrot, shown on the right, has received from Terry Richardson a Bronze Chapter Service Medal Cluster for faithful chapter attendance. A Bronze Chapter Service Medal may be awarded for 6 years of faithful attendance at Chapter meetings. Faithful attendance is defined as attending six out of eight meetings a year.



Rankin Vice President Terry Richardson (left) awards a Bronze Chapter Service Medal to Ed Raines for three years of noteworthy service as CAR Liason.



Tom Jackson (left) of the Robert Rankin Chapter was presented the Bronze CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation by Taylor Power (right), Vice-President James Bates Society Children of the American Revolution. The Bronze CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation was authorized in 1999 in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service to a local CAR Society and must be approved by National Society C.A.R.

Tom Jackson has been instrumental in establishing relationships between the James Bates Society and the Robert Rankin Chapter of the SAR. He organized significant financial support the Chapter and for the C.A.R. South Central Regional meeting in Houston in 2009. He has encouraged our C.A.R. members to join SAR and hold dual memberships by helping prepare SAR applications and has personally paid first year dues. He also has encouraged our members to enter the TXSSAR Essay Contest where our members have placed in the State contest several years. (Submitted by Allen Greene)



John Thompson (right), TXSSAR District VP, inducted Nick Wise (left) as a new member of Robert Rankin Chapter.

*Children of the American Revolution  
James Bates Society*



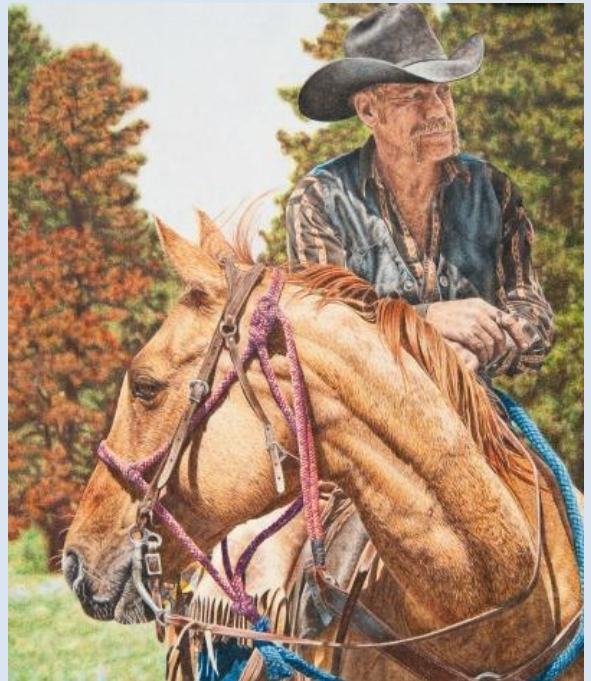
Presenting an SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a SAR Flag Certificate to Kathy Pritchett (on the right and Senior Leader James Bates Society Chapter is Vice President Terry Richardson.



Vice President Terry Richardson (left) gives a Certificate of Appreciation to Taylor Power (Vice-President James Bates Society CAR) for her leadership of the James Bates Society.



Greg Thorne, newly elected National President of CAR is commenting on the National CAR project involving the Battle of Saratoga. The Rankin Chapter awarded him the NSSAR Bronze CAR Medal and certificate for outstanding service to the CAR. Greg is also a member of the Robert Rankin Chapter.



Taylor also won the Title of Reserve Grand Champion Work of Art for the 2012 Houston Rodeo. "Sergeant in Charge," shown above, by Taylor Power, 17, of Katy ISD, was sold for a world's record price of \$175,000 to a buyers consortium including Ken and Mary Hucherson, Terry and Kelly Pruitt, Jerol and Pam Springer, and Kent and Betty Wiseman.

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## JROTC



From left to right, Stephen Tanner, Mrs. Niemuth, Cypress Woods Cadet Dylan Niemuth, and Compatriot Tom Jackson.

The JROTC Committee was initiated by Richard Shanks who was its first Chairman. He was followed by Patrick Kerr who completed three years at the helm and nearly tripled the number of schools where JROTC Cadets are honored. Stephen Tanner is the third Chairman of this committee and is in his second year. Stephen Tanner, (shown at left) Color Guard Commander and Chairman of the ROTC Committee, announced that JROTC medal presentations were made at 14 area high schools.



Compatriot Tom Jackson (left) has just awarded Cypress Falls Cadet Joshua Blume the NSSAR JROTC medal and certificate.



Compatriot Gus Mistrot (right) has just awarded Westside HS Cadet Eric Crowe the NSSAR JROTC medal and certificate.



Vice President Terry Richardson (left) gives a Certificate of Appreciation to Virginia Evans (Regent Tejas Chapter DAR) for her support in fostering relations between the James Bates Society and the Rankin Chapter.

### *Upcoming Events:*

*Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting*

*Annual Congress*

*Jul Phoenix*

*Board of Managers Meeting*

*Oct Temple*

*Check State Website for Convention Details*

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