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### *November*

by Tom Jackson (President, 2008-2009)  
is one of the busiest months that we have. Patrick Kerr served as part of the Color Guard for a new citizen's ceremony and Ed Raines conducted 15 flag programs. His schedule is not over yet, but this year he will probably present to over 4,000 adults and students. Patrick Kerr has called for members to volunteer as officers for the new year.

Our November meeting was the third time that we had 30 or more members and guests in attendance! Our primary speaker for the evening was Johnny Bonds, shown below on the right receiving his COA & SAR coffee mug from VP David Jones (center) with Compatriot Jackson lurking in the background.



Johnny Bonds also received the second Law Enforcement Commendation Medal & Certificate issued by the Rankin Chapter. Johnny L. Bonds served in the Houston Police Department from December 1967 to January 1988 and in the District Attorney's office from August 1989 until his retirement in September 2008. He solved a triple

murder that had been ruled a suicide-homicide and officially closed. In the process, he solved another murder that had been ruled a suicide. He was featured in the book, The Cop Who Wouldn't Quit as well as in various magazines including the September '81 issue of People Magazine. Public Service Chairman Gus Mistrot (l) has just presented Johnny(r) his medal and certificate in the photo below.



Did you know that Ed Raines conducted two flag shows the day of the November meeting? Way to go Ed! Ed is on the left while past State President Tom Green is on the right.

Hurricane Ike threatened the coastal areas on September 11<sup>th</sup> and came ashore on September 13<sup>th</sup> as a Category 2 hurricane, the third most destructive storm to hit the US. Power was lost in the Houston area on the 12<sup>th</sup> and for some the outage lasted over two weeks. At the November meeting we recognized some of the unsung heroes of



Shown above, from left to right: Compatriot Tom Jackson, and from the Cy Fair Volunteer Fire Department, District Fire Chief Doyle Veneralla and Station 8 Fire Captain Freddy Williams and then Compatriot Mistrot. The two firemen have just been presented COA's for their volunteer work during Ike. The Rankin Chapter salutes our fire fighters!

What is a meeting without flag certificates? Ginger Picone of Langham Creek HS receives one.



Also receiving a flag certificate was Pam Haynes of ConocoPhillips and Capt. Williams. Ms. Haynes is shown below.



Gathering for a photo are the Past Presidents of the Rankin Chapter, Seated and standing from left to right, Gus Mistrot, Kelly McBride, Richard Shanks, Patrick Kerr and Ed Raines.



Did you know?

The Stars and Stripes Society of the CAR was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Rice Festival Parade! Way to go!

The 114<sup>th</sup> TXSSAR State Convention will be in Nacogdoches, Texas on March 19-22, 2009. Can we fly there?

The editor may be color blind. These colors don't go together.

Next regular chapter meeting will be at America Buffet, January 14, 2009.