

# Our November Meeting

November 13, 2019



At the front table are Dr. Daniel A. Frost of MIT and his son, David. At the table to right are David and Judy Zachmeyer. In the back (l-r) are Bobby Smith, Mark Russell, Allen and Linda Greene.

## *Robert Rankin, Texas SAR*

### *Spring Creek Barbecue November Meeting Highlights Veterans Day Celebration*

- ❖ Primary Speaker Victoria Smith, President Texas Society CAR, as part TSCAR, spoke about The Battleship Texas
- ❖ Compatriot Fred Jackson gave a robust Ancestor Presentation on Patriot John Macomber
- ❖ President (2018-19) Texas SAR, Tom Jackson gave his This Day in History talk Major General John Sullivan.
- ❖ District 8 Vice President Texas SAR, Allen Greene gave a presentation on Wreaths Across America.

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Allen Greene provides a Wreaths Across America update. December 14th, Saturday, Woodlawn Cemetery, Wreaths across America at 10:00am. Robert Rankin Chapter and Paul Carrington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution will be present along with the Ladies of Tejas Chapter Daughters American Revolution and James Bates Chapter Children of the American Revolution. Diamonds & Dollars, Kempner AFJROTC TX-924, VFW Post 8790, Girl Scout Troop 124147, Boy Scout Troop 3, and the wonderful staff of Woodlawn Funeral home helped to make this a success! Approximately 570 plus Wreaths that will be laid on Veterans' graves in Little Arlington and other sections at Woodlawn Cemetery! Special thanks to Cynthia Driskill and Karen Larsen of Houston Diamonds & Dollars, Inc. Kempner AFJROTC Major Adam Chmura was the SASI.



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In the photo above, Fred Jackson gives a Patriot Ancestor presentation on John Macomber.

As one of the fifth generation of John Macomers in Taunton, John Macomber, the patriot was born in May, 1760 to John and Abigail Padelford Macomber, who were farmers and land holders in Taunton, a town in Southeastern Massachusetts quite close to Rhode Island.

In his 17<sup>th</sup> year, John enlisted in the Rhode Island Line, serving six years in the Revolutionary War, became a sergeant, and served with Lt. Col. Jeremiah Olney and in Col. Israel Angell's regiment. His battlefield career carried him to Red Bank, Monmouth, Fort Dartmouth, and the Rhode Island Battle in 1778 and then he was discharged in Saratoga, NY in 1783. One of nine siblings, John persuaded a brother to join the army. Unfortunately, this brother was killed in his first encounter with the Redcoats. John's father was so furious; he willed him just \$1 with which, reportedly, John bought a bible.

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In the photo above, Fred Jackson gives a Patriot Ancestor presentation on the Battle of Rhode Island.



Jean Baptiste Charles Henri Hector, comte d'Estaing. Public Domain

The Battle of Rhode Island was fought August 29, 1778, during the American Revolution (1775-1783) and was an early attempt at a combined operation between American and French forces. In the summer of 1778, a French fleet led by Admiral Comte d'Estaing arrived on the American coast. It was decided this force would join with Major General John Sullivan's command to recapture Newport, RI. Due to intervention by the Royal Navy and damage sustained by a storm at sea, d'Estaing withdrew from the operation leaving Sullivan to confront the British alone. Unable to execute the operation without French support, he withdrew up Aquidneck Island with Newport's garrison in pursuit. Assuming a strong position, Sullivan fought a successful defensive battle on August 29 before his men departed the island.

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Victoria Smith, President (2019-2020) Texas Children of the American Revolution is the principal speaker for the evening. She identifies the National CAR Project and also the Texas CAR Project. Her Texas Project in short is to Raise funds towards The Battleship's audio wands for tours, which will tell the story of its service and historic relevance.



Mackie Storage  
National President  
  
Norma L. Griffin  
Senior National President

## 2019-2020 National President's Theme Foundations of Freedom

Striving to connect history and leadership by –

- ★ Raising funds to reproduce the Washington Family Desk from Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home.
- ★ Joining the George Washington Foundation, to support development of Ferry Farm's web-based educational initiatives for students.
- ★ Exhibiting leadership growth opportunities through N.S.C.A.R. that will last members through their lifetime.

## 2019-2020 State Project Proposal



An Example of Audio Wand

Raise funds towards The Battleship's audio wands for tours, which will tell the story of its service and historic relevance. The tour has already been recorded in both English and Spanish. Total cost will be \$40,000 with T.S.C.A.R. committing to raise \$20,000 to finish project. Another donor has provided funding for first part of project. This State Project will ensure a full set of audio wand available

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November 13, 2019. Wednesday. Spring Creek Barbecue. Robert Rankin Chapter meeting. Texas Sons of the American Revolution. Our primary speaker is Miss Victoria Smith, President (2019-2020) of the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution. Treasurer Alex Thorne presents a \$100 donation on behalf of the Robert Rankin Chapter while Allen Greene presents President Smith with the National SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



Victoria Smith receiving a National SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



Alex Thorne presenting Victoria Smith with \$100 Robert Rankin chapter donation.



From left to right Tom Jackson, Bobby Smith, Victoria Smith, Allen Greene, Michael Bierman, and Alex Thorne.

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In the photo to the left, Fred Jackson is to the left of Tom Jackson. Fred has just finished his trifecta and gave a presentation on Major General John Sullivan



Major General John Sullivan.  
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## Major General John Sullivan

John Sullivan's military career had several unfortunate conclusions on battlefields but his first success came at Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth as he successfully led a patriot force to take cannons and gunpowder away from the British controlled fort in December of 1774. This action may have fired the first shot in the upcoming war. Commissioned as general in the Revolutionary army in 1775, he served under General Washington, with whom he became a fast friend. After the British left Boston in 1776, General Sullivan led troops on Saint Patrick's day into the deserted city and used as their password "Saint Patrick". Soon he was posted to Quebec to lead the retreat of the sick and faltering invasion force, leading the casualties in a withdrawal to Crown Point, New York. This led to the first of several controversies between him and the Continental Congress. This one resulted in his exoneration and then promotion to Major General in August, 1776.

The British took New York City in the battle of Long Island as General Sullivan commanded one of the American patriot forces. Sadly, he was captured resisting the Hessian invaders, eventually paroled and became an intermediary between the British and the Congress. Later in 1776, he led a division in capturing the bridge that cut off the enemy's escape route from Trenton. In January, 1777, he performed well in the battle of Princeton.



# Robert Rankin Chapter #62

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

## Minutes of Color Guard Meeting

Veteran's Day



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The meeting was opened by President (2018-2019) Texas Tom Jackson at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (0), Educational (4), and Patriotic (1). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 17 were present including 9 Compatriots and 8 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Michael Bierman, Allen Greene, Tom Jackson, and Bobby Smith.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Allen Greene.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Allen Greene.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Allen Greene.

**This Day In History:** None.

**Educational Presentation:** Allen Greene talked about Wreaths Across America. Current Texas Society of Children of the American Revolution (TSCAR), Victoria Smith, gave a marvelous speech on the State Project, The Battleship Texas.

**Ancestor Presentation:** Fred Jackson gave presentation on John Macomber.

**Historical Presentation:** Fred Jackson gave speech on the Battle of Rhode Island.

Compatriot Alex Thorne led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Allen Greene. Texas President Tom Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *November 15, 2019*.

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Michael Bierman  
Secretary

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Bruce McMordie  
President



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*Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution*

## *Minutes of Color Guard Meeting*

*Veteran's Day*



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### **In Attendance**

Compatriots present (5):

Michael Bierman  
Daniel Frost  
David Frost  
Tom Jackson  
Alex Thorne

Compatriots with spouses present (4):

Allen & Linda Greene  
Fred & Brenda Jackson  
Bobby & Nita Smith  
David & Judy Zachmeyer

Guests (5):

Bernice Mistrot  
Kathryn Smith  
Texas Society of Children of the American Revolution (TSCAR) Victoria Smith  
Richard Wimbish

### **Awards & Recognitions (SAR):**

Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate : Victoria Smith