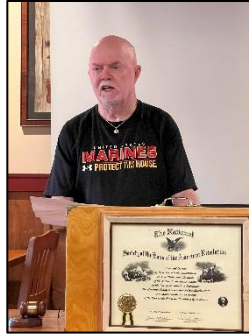


Decorated Marine Speaks at Our October Meeting

Our October Meeting attendees were honored this month by highly decorated Marine Veteran Bradly Bailey. Mr. Bailey served in the 60s in Vietnam as the leader of a Recon Team. If you know anything about the Vietnam War, you understand just how extremely dangerous Recon patrols were. They quietly gathered intelligence on the enemy without giving away their location as they were not allowed to engage. He also served in the Caribbean and Japan. Mr. Bailey was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V for Valor, and the Purple Heart for being wounded.



Presenting Certificate of Appreciation. L to R – Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed, Bradly Bailey, and Chapter President Alex Thorne

After leaving the Marines, Mr. Bailey spent over 20 years in Law Enforcement. He has been in the Missouri Police Department, Cape County Sheriffs Department, Illinois State Police, Organized Crime Investigator, Secret Service Fraud Task Force in Houston, and the Harris County Precinct 1 Constable.

Mr. Bailey also works with Veterans in a Law Enforcement motorcycle club. He also rides at military funerals.

For his presentation, Bradly treated us to anecdotes detailing the incidents that lead to his receiving his medals.

After his presentation, Mr. Bailey was awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

The Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Monthly Meeting

Spring Creek BBQ
Nov. 13 – 6:30

Gates Marker Dedication

Gates-Perry Cemetery
Nov. 16 – 1:30 pm

Colonial Spice

Nottingham Elementary
Nov. 22 - TBA

Introducing Our Newest Compatriot Member

During the October meeting we welcomed a new member, Mark William Sebastian Rotter. The induction oath was given to Mark by Robert Rankin Chapter President Alex Thorne.

Rotter's Patriot is Nicholas Faust who provided vital supplies to the war effort.



An Afternoon with the DAR



On Saturday, October 19th, John Thompson from Freedom Chapter and Tom Jackson from Rankin Chapter, met up and drove 1½ hours to the Fayette Grande Hotel in Fayetteville. John and Tom are the guest speakers for the Smith-McMillan Chapter DAR.



John does a superb job talking about his French ancestor then Tom gives three different presentations. The first is on Jeremiah Dial, an Irish lad who came to America when he was 14. He fought in the American Revolution at age 19 and continued until the end of the war. The second presentation was of the many loves of George Washington which concluded with the SAR and DAR working together. Tom's last presentation is on his Spanish ancestors, of which there are two, a mother Juana Hoyos and her son Francisco Hernandez. Her cattle fed the troops of Galvez, and he was a soldier stationed at La Bahia which we now call Goliad.



John Thompson and Tom Jackson received the DAR Bronze Hannah White Arnett Medals. This medal may be awarded to a SAR Compatriot for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the DAR in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Left to Right, John K Thompson, Vice Regent Kathy Schatte, Regent Carolyn Caflisch Smith-McMillan Chapter NSDAR, Tom Jackson. Our meeting in Grand Fayette Hotel, Fayetteville, TX.

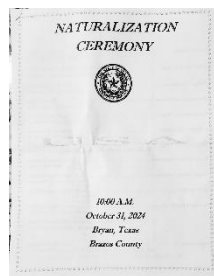
Jackson presented Regent Carolyn Caflisch with a COA for her service to the community and a Flag Certificate to the Smith-McMillan Chapter DAR (LaGrange).

Welcome New Citizens



Joining members of Independence, Freedom, and Rankin Chapters are, Left Destinee Vargas, Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul, Center, Honorable Kyle Hawthorne, Presiding Judge, 85th District Court, and Right, Mike Watson, Bailiff, 85th District Court.

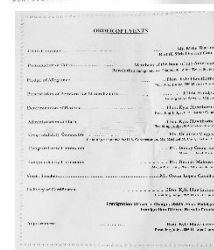
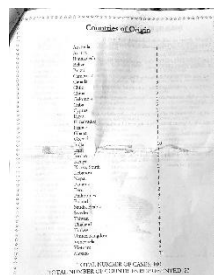
On Thursday, October 31st, Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed joined Color Guards from Independence and Freedom Chapters to Presente the Colors for the Neutralization Ceremony of the 85th District Court in Bryan, Texas. There were 100 new citizens representing 23 different countries.



The Honorable Kyle Hawthorne, Judge of the 85th District Court administrating the Oath, with friends and family watching



Hilda Hidalgo, Immigration Services Officer - Presenting Petitions for Naturalization.



League of Women's Voters Lone Star College - Democracy Rocks

On October 5th, as a part of the Cy-Fest celebration at the Lone Star College, the League of Women's Voters sponsored an annual event called Democracy Rocks to



encourage citizens to register and vote. They sponsored a contest to visit multiple booths – and when they had visited each, they came back to this booth and got to paint rocks to take home.



Naturalization Ceremony

There will be a Naturalization Ceremony on December 19, 2024, at the 85th District Court in Bryan, Texas. Member of the Independence, Freedom, and Robert Rankin Color Guards will be presenting the Colors. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 am. Even if you are not part of the Color Guard, come support this important event.

VETERAN RECOGNITION

In 1899, the Society authorized the first War Service Medal for Compatriots who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.

In 2006, the Society authorized the Military Service Medal for Compatriots to recognize military service, which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

To apply, a Compatriot needs to complete the Compatriot's Military Service Record Form and give it to the Chapter's Veterans Committee Chairman.

The Society can also now recognize the military service of now deceased SAR members. The candidate must be either a deceased SAR member or a deceased serviceman who became a SAR member through the Memorial Application process. As with NSSAR Memorial Membership, the deceased member must be no more than one generation from the current generation.

Spreading the Information



Kalahari Resort in Round Rock

During the virtual Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in August, it was noted that the Texas Council for Social Studies (TXCSS) was holding its annual meeting and exhibition at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. It was also announced that an anonymous person was offering to pay for the booth if the state wanted to exhibit a booth. The idea that 500 – 700 first to twelfth grade



teachers, post-secondary, and support staff was a definite gold mine. After discussions involving chapter and state individuals, a booth was booked, and Jerry Martin was chosen to be the chairman of the booth committee. During the discussions, it was decided to contact the DAR to see if they were interested in participating either in our booth or having a



SAR booth at TXCSS Conference

a booth of their own. They decided to purchase a booth, and after discussions, the event planners assigned us adjoining booths.

I would like to thank many Compatriots for assistance and ideas including Texas Society President Tracy Pounders for his insight and choosing me to be

Chairman; Roger Williams (NY) National Chairman, Outreach to Schools Committee for reviewing my re-designed youth contest literature and assisting us with items for the booth; Tom Jackson for all his help from answering questions to providing items for the booth; Shiidon Hawley, President of Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin for alerting us to the conference and the booth purchase donor; Blair Rudy, President of San Antonio Chapter, for assisting me with the setup of the booth and staffing it all day



Compatriots Blair Rudy and Jerry Martin in the booth.



The noteworthy 9 Youth Contest Handouts - (#5 is not here – ROTC). An estimated 420 individual handouts given out!



DAR's booth

Friday, and Larry Stevens, for assisting in the booth as well as the Daughters of the Republic of Texas booth displaying period items that are used in the Patriot Chest we want to promote.

The DAR booth was set up next to our booth staffed by Missy Wilkinson, State Chair, Community Classroom Committee.

Wreaths Across America



This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024

Robert Rankin #62, TX SAR is a Sponsorship Group. Our ID is SAR Robert Rankin Chapter (TX1085).

- 1) We assist at both Woodlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery Houston (start time of 11am, arrival at 10am.)
- 2) Katy Magnolia Cemetery (about 550 veterans). Ceremony at 10:30am. This includes veterans from the Civil War.
- 3) We join with the DAR to do the Katy Community Cemetery (about 15 veterans). Ceremony at 12:30pm
- 4) We join with the American Legion Auxiliary to do the "Soldiers Rest" a section of Lawndale Cemetery (about 45 veterans). Ceremony at 2:00pm. Mostly veterans that were unclaimed from the Houston Military Hospitable during and after WWI.

There are various ways in which you can help.

1. Purchase wreaths.

You may access the WAA-Rankin website to purchase a wreath, at <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/tx1085>

The sponsorship of each wreath is \$17.

2. You may assist in the placing of wreaths.

A program precedes the placement of the wreaths. The program will have speakers from the organizing entities and will have wreaths placed for each of the branches of service, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marie, Coast Guard and Space Force.

3. Record keeping.

Robert Rankin files an annual report of activities each year. Points are awarded for wreaths placed, dollars spent, attendance and extra points if in period attire. Jerry Martin is in charge of the annual report. At the conclusion of the WAA please report your activity to Jerry Martin.

If you are a member of the Rankin color guard, this counts as a National event meaning additional points are awarded. Each color guard member tracks their points.

The 250th is here.
Will You Join Us
In Celebration?

July 4, 2026 will be the 250th
birthday of our country.

It didn't start or stop on that day,
but was a decade long process:
1773 - 1783

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Memorable events

250 years ago...

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris