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Our Veterans' Day Celebration

by David Jones (President, 2009-2010)

was a grand event as we continued a Rankin Chapter Tradition of having a special meeting just to honor our Veterans! We thank everyone who served our country through the military and also the families of those who served.



(In the photo above Col. McKemie is on the left as he receives a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and SAR coffee mug from Rankin VP Bobby Smith.)

Our Veterans' Day Speaker was John E. McKemie, Colonel (Ret.). His stirring presentation was in three parts. The first included excerpts from Veteran's Day Speeches by Presidents of our country. The middle part of his presentation recounted the retreat by George Washington from the Battle of New York. Interesting points included the amazing escape by Washington with most of his army intact despite overwhelming superiority in British numbers, the toppling of a statue of King

George prior to the battle and the hanging of Nathan Hale after the battle. The third part of his presentation was an audio visual slide show accompanied by the music entitled *The American Soldier* by Toby Keith.

(Part of the presentation is shown below above the head of Compatriot Ed Raines.)



In the photo below, Rankin Compatriot Stephen Tanner, left, presents a flintlock pistol replica to Katy VFW Post Commander Peyton Lumpkin, Col. (Ret.)



Katy VFW Post #9182, which counts Rankin members David Jones and Stephen Tanner as members, is the sponsor of a Memorial Museum museum intended to exhibit items of military and historical significance encompassing every conflict involving the United States. Compatriot Tanner, a volunteer docent at the museum, noted that the museum was missing items from the American Revolution. A brainstorming session involving members Jones, Tanner, and Jackson culminated in the acquisition of a flintlock replica of the period, funded by the three, and displayed in a presentation case enhanced by Compatriot Kerr. Well done Compatriots!

(Editor's note: Working with the Museum satisfied an arcane portion of the national annual report.)



Quartermaster David Printy, shown in the photo above with Compatriot Stephen Tanner on the left and Rankin President David Jones on the right, has just accepted an SAR Flag Certificate on behalf of the Katy VFW Post. The Rankin Chapter has a goal of issuing a flag certificate at every meeting!

David Printy also received a Certificate of appreciation for playing assembly on his electronic bugle before the meeting He played taps at the conclusion of the meeting.

What is a Veterans' Day without a parade? Shown above is John Knox of the Patrick Henry Chapter on the left of our very own Patrick Kerr shown on the right as they assemble in preparation for the Travis County and City of Austin Veterans' Day Parade held on November 11, 2009. Marvin Morgan, TXSSAR Color Guard Vice-Commander noted, "The 2009 Veteran's Day Parade was well attended and I would like to thank all the participants for making it a success. The Patrick Henry Chapter was joined by Color Guard members from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, the Robert Rankin Chapter and State and Local DAR members."

Editor's note: Remember to send your photos to be included in the newsletter. Our Chapter is now involved in so many different activities that the editor and historian cannot be present at all events. Contact the editor Tom Jackson at longhorntij@yahoo.com.