

# October Meeting

October 9, 2019



In the photo above from L-R: (front row) Ed Raines, Guest Speaker Gina Calanni, Fire Safety Commendation Medal Citation Edison Saunders, Katy Fire Chief Russell Wilson, Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal Kyle Fritsche, President Bruce McMordie, and Tom Jackson (back row) Billy Sorral, Bobby Smith, Allen Greene.

## *Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Willow Fork County Club October Highlights*

- ❖ Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services Recognition presented by Chairman of the Public Service/Flag Sub-Committee Texas SAR, Chris Courter
- ❖ Guest Speaker State Rep. Gina Calanni, Texas House District 132 reviews the 10 amendments on the ballot for the 2019 Constitutional Amendments Special Election
- ❖ Compatriot Tom Jackson gives the Historical Presentation on the Yorktown Celebration – The Battle of Yorktown 1781
- ❖ New Member Ralf Reed was inducted by President Bruce McMordie
- ❖ The Ancestor Presentation on William Clements was given by New Compatriot Ralph Reed

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## New Member – Ralph Reed



In the photo above from L-R: Billy Sorral, Ed Raines, Allen Green, new member Ralph Reed and Tom Jackson. In the photo below on the right, Ralph Reed gives the Ancestor Presentation.



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October is National Fire Prevention Month, a time when we should all be aware of ways to help learn fire safety and prevention. President and SAR Fellow Compatriot Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4–10, 1925. The Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire. On the 40th anniversary (1911) of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA); sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day



Christopher Steven Courter, at the podium, is the Texas Sons of the American Revolution Public Service Chair. He awards an EMS Medal and a Fire Safety Medal. Both of these individuals were nominated by the Katy Fire Chief Russell Wilson. Chief Wilson receives a SAR Certificate of Appreciation named Wilson its Fire Chief of the Year for 2018. PG Warren Alter deserves a nod since he made this a priority when he was PG.



(L-R) President Bruce McMordie, Edison Saunders, and Christopher Courter.

**FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION MEDAL Citation**  
 Edison Saunders goes above and beyond every day to make sure his crews and himself are ready to perform at the top of their capabilities. This man takes crew and department safety very seriously. He takes time out on his days off to learn the latest safety trends and teaches them to the crews across the board. He ensures that personal protective equipment is worn to its entirety by all members and has safety as his mission in life.



(L-R) President Bruce McMordie, Kyle Fritsche, and Christopher Courter.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMENDATION MEDAL** Kyle Fritsche is a very capable and caring Paramedic. He shows up and preforms without asking questions. Hands down, the best paramedic in our department. He strives to make himself better along with everyone else. His proficiency is near the top. He is a field training officer on a free basis and is currently taking college classes to obtain an EMS Management degree. He offers great advice and performs with a smile on his face and a positive attitude.

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October 9, Wednesday evening. Robert Rankin Chapter Texas SAR meeting. Guest Speaker State Representative Gina Calanni, Texas House District 132.



*State Representative Gina Calanni represents Texas House District 132, which includes Katy, Cypress, and West Houston. She works as the finance director for an oil & gas parts company. In the Texas House, she serves on the Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee and the Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee. A native Texan, author, and working mother of three boys in Katy public schools, Representative Calanni understands the work it takes to represent a district as large and diverse as District 132. She is serving to make sure every Texas family has access to strong public education and high-quality, affordable healthcare. In her first legislative session, Representative Calanni passed 11 bills (more than any other freshman Democrat). These new laws foster economic development in unincorporated Harris County, save taxpayer dollars, help reduce the rape kit backlog, and support public safety in Katy. She is also an active volunteer in her community, and has served as a gala chairperson for Elijah Rising, an organization that fights sex trafficking and provides rehabilitation and aftercare to the victim survivors.*



State Rep. Gina Calanni  
House District 132  
Capitol Office: (512) 463-0528  
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### TEN AMENDMENTS FOR THE NOV. 5TH ELECTION

**Prop 1**  
Allows municipal judges to serve in multiple offices



**Prop 2**  
Authorizes the Water Development Board to sell additional bonds



**Prop 3**  
Temporary property tax exemptions in disaster areas



**Prop 4**  
Entirely prohibits an individual state income tax



**Prop 5**  
Allocates all revenue on sporting goods to state parks



**Prop 6**  
Increases \$ for cancer prevention and research



**Prop 7**  
Increases distributions to the Available School Fund



**Prop 8**  
Creates a fund for state flood planning



**Prop 9**  
Exempts taxation on precious metal depositories



**Prop 10**  
Allows retired police dogs to live with their handler



**Early voting:** Oct. 21st-Nov. 1st

You must be registered by Oct 7th to vote on these amendments on Nov. 5th.



# Robert Rankin Chapter #62

*Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution*

## *Minutes of Color Guard Meeting*

*Yorktown Celebration*



*October 9, 2019*

The meeting was opened by President Bruce McMordie at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (3), Educational (1), 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. 24 were present including 12 Compatriots and 12 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Edwin Raines, Bobby Smith, Bill Sorrells, Allen Greene and Tom Jackson.

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 Bruce McMordie.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Bruce McMordie.

**This Day In History:** Compatriot Tom Jackson started the presentation on The Battle of Yorktown 1781. Compatriot Allen Greene presented the Bombardment of Yorktown.

**Educational Presentation:** State Representative Gina Calanni, Texas House District 132, reviewed the 10 Amendments on the ballot for the 2019 Constitutional Amendment Special Election.

**Ancestor Presentation:** New member Ralph Reed gave presentation on his ancestor, William Clements.

**Historical Presentation:** Compatriot Jerry Clanton gave a presentation on the 250 Anniversary of Yorktown.

Compatriot Bruce McMordie led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Bruce McMordie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of *October 21, 2019*.

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Michael Bierman

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Bruce McMordie



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Secretary

President

### **In Attendance**

Compatriots present (10):

Michael Bierman

Jerry Clanton

Christopher Courter

Allen Greene

Tom Jackson

Bruce McMordie

Edwin Raines

Bill Sorrells

Alex Thorne

Phil Whitley

Compatriots with spouses present (4):

Bobby & Nita Smith

Ralph & ? Reed

Guests (10):

State Representative Gina Calanni

Kyle & Elizabeth Fritsche

Jerry Hastings

Bernice Mistrot

Ariana Rivera

Mark Russell

Edison Saunders

Fire Chief Russel Wilson & Lisa Wilson

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

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Representative Gina Calanni, & Fire Chief Russel Wilson.

**Flag Certificate:** Representative Gina Calanni.

**Fire Safety Commendation Medal:** Edison Saunders.

**Emergency Medical Service Medal:** Kyle Fritsche.