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### The President's Corner

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For those of you who missed the Fourth Annual Constitutional Celebration of the Robert Rankin Chapter you missed a real treat enjoyed by a crowd approaching forty.

Attorney Tony Davis captured the attention of the chapter and guests with his discussion of the Constitution and focus on Obama Care.



Tony Davis, partner with Baker Botts expounds on the commerce clause and the affordable health care act.

Mr. Davis is a partner with Baker Botts and earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1983 and previously earned a B.A., economics and mathematics from the University of Minnesota at Morris in 1980. He was recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer*, 2004, 2009 – 2011 and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006 – 2011. He is licensed to practice before United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits and United States District Courts in Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Davis primary area of expertise is bankruptcy

and commercial law. He has represented Halliburton Company and Imperial Sugar.



Tony Davis, left, has just received from Allen Greene, right, the NSSAR Speaker COA and coffee mug.



Ralph Aniol, book author and marketing executive, described the history surrounding the piece of authenticated New Jersey Currency dated 1776 which he owns. The bill was a brown orange and signed in brown ink by Robert Smith, Jonathan Deare, and John Stevens. It contained the imprint of a sage leaf and printed on paper containing flakes of mica to discourage forgeries.

## *Children of the American Revolution*

The Rankin Chapter is one of the most active of the chapters in the state with its involvement with Children of the American Revolution Societies and earned the most points of any chapter in the state in 2009 in the John K. Harrell CAR Competition. The September meeting was a joint meeting with the James Bates Society.

Compatriot Bobby Smith is the current Chairman of the committee, originally chaired by Ed Raines for a three-year term. Tom Jackson followed Ed with a four-year stint.



Gus Mistrot, shown above, presents an ancestor presentation on Francisco Segura, a soldier who fought under General Galvez. In the photo below, he receives from Stephen Tanner his ten-year pin and certificate.



In the photo above, Theron McClaren awards the James Bates Society CAR President John Pritchett a Flag Certificate. Stephen Tanner has presented a \$50.00 check from the Robert Rankin Chapter to the James Bates Society. In the photo below, Senior President of the James Bates Society Kathy Pritchett updates the Chapter on the state and national projects of the CAR



Marti Thorne, left, is listening as Stephen Tanner reads the citation, which accompanies her receipt of an Oak Leaf Cluster for her NSSAR Medal of Appreciation.



## *The Robert Rankin Flag Show*

The Rankin Flag Show has always been one of the mainstays of the public education outreach programs of the Rankin Chapter. With the increase in high stakes testing in Texas, many schools are eschewing value added programs such as this. Nonetheless, our Compatriots continue to show the fabric of America woven with patriotism, history, and symbols of our country.



Tom Green (L) holds the British Union Flag as Ginny Evans appears as Betsy Ross in the center of the photo taken by Compatriot Stephen Tanner at Kilpatrick Elementary School in Katy, Texas.



Our fearless threesome of Stephen Tanner, Virginia Evans, and Ed Raines, after their show at the Downtown Rotary Club meeting



Who else would you expect to appear at St. Peters United Methodist Church in Katy, Texas on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Of course, it has to be Stephen Tanner, Virginia Evans, and Ed Raines. (The names match up to the photo from left to right.)

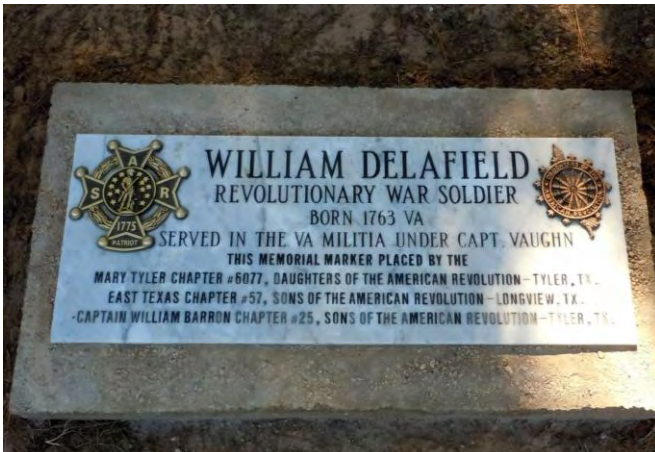


The traveling minstrels are at it again at St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Spring Branch. In the top photo appear Ginny Evans and Ed Raines. Ed is presenting a certificate. In the bottom photo, the two are resting after another job well done. Stephen Tanner is behind the camera!



*Memorial Grave Marking  
William Delafield*

On Saturday, August 6, 2011 the Captain William Barron Chapter YXSSAR, the East Texas Chapter, TXSSAR, and the Mary Tyler Chapter, NSDAR joined for the grave marking of militiaman William Delafield. The ceremony took place at LaGrone's Chapel Cemetery in Harrison County.



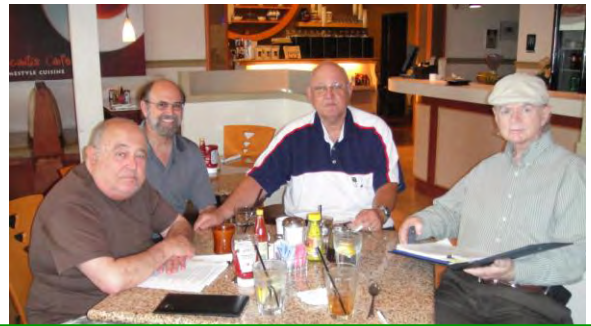
Michael Everheart presided over the ceremony and speakers included Cheryl Way, Regent of the Mary Tyler Chapter. She noted in her dedication remarks, "History tells us that what is needed today is not just a show of greatness and a parade of power, but a dedication to great ideals and high endeavor."



From left to right, Michael Radcliff, Ray Cox, and Larry Stevens.



Michael Radcliff plays Amazing Grace on the bag pipes (left) while guardsmen fire a black powder salute. Compatriot Stephen Tanner is in the center in the photo above.



Gathering for lunch, clockwise starting at left, David Jones, Tom Jackson, Ed Raines, and Stephen Tanner.

*Upcoming Events:*

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting  
No Chapter meeting in December

Board of Managers Meeting  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>st</sup> Galveston,

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*Editor note: Special thanks to Stephen Tanner photos.*