

The San Antonio Compatriot



The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is a historical, educational, and patriotic organization. We seek to maintain and promote:

- The institutions of American freedom
- An appreciation for true patriotism
- A respect for our national symbols
- The value of American citizenship
- The unifying force that has created one nation and one people from many

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New Meeting Location —Downtown!

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, we decided to change our meeting location to the First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78205. The main reasons for the change were convenience and cost. The church is four blocks north of the Alamo. Our meeting time remains 11:30 AM with lunch beginning at noon. The cost of each meal is only \$10 for members and guests. Come early as parking will be under greater demand than usual because of another meeting at the same time. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 12th—contact George Harcourt by phone at 822-1960 or email at gharcourt@satx.rr.com.

Speaker: Compatriot Ray Wall—see page 3

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Date, Time: May 17, 11:30AM

Reservation deadline: May 12

Menu: ***mixed green salad, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and cream gravy, green beans, biscuits and peach pie for dessert.***

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Important Dates

May 20—Executive committee meeting, 11:30AM, Denny's on Blanco inside Loop 410

May 30—Memorial Day

June 14—Flag Day

June 21—SAR chapter luncheon, 11:30AM, Presbyterian Church

July 4—Independence Day

Compatriot Ray Wall, president of the Boerne SAR chapter will speak to us at our luncheon, May 17 at First Presbyterian Church. His topic will be the Battle of Kings Mountain, where the Over the Mountain Men of Tennessee and North Carolina defeated the British and created the impetus that led to their surrender at Yorktown.

Membership

We encourage and welcome new members. For information on how to join, please contact any of the Chapter officers.

Revolutionary War Remembrance—May 1775

In Ticonderoga, New York, American ranger troops surprised and captured a major British fort. During the next winter ('75-'76), when the rivers were frozen enough to support the weight of the fort's cannon, they were hauled to Boston and used to threaten the British position there.

Source: <http://www.sar.org/history/docsbatt.htm>

Memorial Announcement—Compatriot Gibson

Compatriot Robert Moss Gibson passed away this month. President George Harcourt stated, "He attended the April meeting and was as dapper and supportive of the Sons of the American Revolution as ever he was." Compatriot Gibson was born in Richmond, Kentucky on May 26, 1931 passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at his home in San Antonio, Texas. Bob moved to San Antonio when he was seven years old and was a lifelong resident. He attended Peacock Military Academy, Mark Twain Junior High School and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1949. At Jefferson, he was a proud member the Chow Fraternity. Bob joined the United States Navy in 1950 and served on the USS Yorktown, USS Oriskany, the USS Pine Islands, and was honorably discharged in 1954. His service metals included the National Defense Service Metal, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Metal, Korean Service Ribbon, China Service Metal, and the Navy Occupation Metal. He was an active member of the Navy League, Blind Veterans Association, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Order of Stars and Bars, and Society of the Decedents of George Washington's Army at Valley Forge. He also belonged to the Peacock and the Jefferson Alumni Associations. Bob is survived by his daughter, Laura Suzanne Gibson, and two grandsons Benjamin Gibson Leder and Michael Wynne Leder, all of Grapevine, Texas. He is also survived by a host of lifelong friends. Bob never met a stranger and was well known for giving his friendship unconditionally. Graveside services will be held at Fort Sam Houston on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 9:15 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lighthouse For The Blind.

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