



JUNE 2009

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Fellow Compatriots:

This will be the newsletter for the months of June and July. Our chapter will not have general meetings in July and August, but we will continue to have our Pub Night. Information is on page 3 for information.

We will not have a July Executive Committee meeting but will resume in August. See page 3 for our calendar.

I would like to remind you the newsletters will be sent by email only beginning in October 2009. Newsletters are always available on the website.

If you value the information from the newsletter and you have not submitted your email address

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JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES.

WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES AT FORT SAM HOUSTON ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH.

Fort Sam Houston's July 4th celebration kicks off with a bang -- cannon fire salute at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to Fort Sam Houston's annual observance of the nation's birthday. The 50 state flags will be displayed at the main post flagpole on Stanley Road.



Above, Peter Baron firing his musket at the 2008 Ft. Sam Houston celebration.

The traditional ceremony will feature a cannon salute to the Union, fired in succession for each of the 50 states. Members of the Sons of the American Revolution dressed in period uniforms will ring a bell 13 times to commemorate the original 13 colonies. The Army Medical Command Band will perform patriotic music before and after the ceremony. Contact Ed Heath for information: 830 981-4748

Vehicles without Department of Defense decals must enter Fort Sam Houston at the Walters Street gate off Interstate 35 on the south side of FSH.

NOTES ON TXSSAR & CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

Your chapter has been moving toward email distribution too. When you want to know something about an upcoming event, check the web site - the information is right there and easy to access. When you want to know what happened - it is on the web site. Your San Antonio chapter newsletters will be delivered by email; therefore it is imperative that we have your email address. Don't be left out - send your email address to: gharcourt@satx.rr.com. It will added to the chapter email list and will be sent to TXSSAR as well.

CHAPTER EVENTS IN MAY



Chapter members participated in various events in May. Ed Bulter spoke to the Kerrville chapter; Joe Ware and George Harcourt accompanied him. Ed Heath took part in the Kerrville Memorial Day event. At Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Peter Baron (in photo at left) joined with the Boy Scouts as the placed flags on the graves. In Austin several members participated at the Texas State Cemetery for solemn grave markings. Members attending were: Judge Ed Butler, Rueben Perez and Peter Baron. Many members of our chapter, under the guidance of Courtland Snyder, presented medals to JROTC cadets. A full list will appear in another edition of the newsletter.

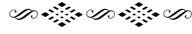
NATIONAL CONGRESS

Compatriot Judge Ed Butler will be inaugurated on July 8th in Atlanta as the President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The chapter sends very best wishes to compatriot Butler and his lovely first lady, Robin.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

All compatriots who plan to attend Chapter Meetings on a regular basis are invited to add their names to the Standing Reservation List. Reservations are required. Compatriots who make a reservation and fail to show up will be billed.

Contact Compatriot Peter Baron by calling 210-913-3458 or email him at reservations@sarsat.org



RESERVATIONS FOR THE JUNE MEETING NEED TO BE MADE BY MONDAY THE 15TH OF JUNE

NO LUNCH MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST



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to the chapter secretary, please do so. Print copies of the newsletter will be available at general chapter meetings.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the "Honor our Patriots" Gala Banquet on Veterans Day, November 11, 2009 at 6:30PM at the Petroleum Club. Details will be available soon.

It is my hope that you all have a safe summer; that you receive visits from your children and grand-children; that you travel to new places and learn new things.

Chapter President .

Fraternally, David Bowles



Left: FBI agent Eric Vasys introduces FBI Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio Field Office, agent Ralph G. Diaz..

Right: David Bowles presenting agent Diaz with a token of appreciation for speaking to the chapter during our law enforcement month.

Below left: New Compatriot Fred Pfeiffer and standing in for his young son Campbell is P Baron.

Below right: Bronze Medal awarded to Cadet Porter of Cole High School by George Harcourt



Secretary General Ed Butler congratulates Fred Pfeiffer (at left) and Peter Baron - father of Campbell Baron as the chapters' newest members at the May 2009 meeting



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WANT TO BE INVOLVED? CALL ANY OFFICER FOR MORE INFORMATION - WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

M E E T I N G S O N T H E H O R I Z O N

DATES/MEETING TYPE	CITY	HOTEL
SAR National Congress 4 - 8 July 2009	Atlanta Georgia	RenaissanceWaverly a Marriott hotel
2009 Summer BOM 31 July - 2 August	Lake Jackson	Cherotel
2009 SCD SAR 21 - 22 August	Irving DFW Airport	DFW Westin
2009 Fall BOM 30 October - 1 November	Richardson	Holiday Inn Select
2010 State Conference 19-22 March	Houston	Westchase Hilton



Compatriots Frank and Stephen Rohrbough make a JROTC presentation in 2008

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

**JUNE 17TH • WEDNESDAY
LUNCH • PETROLEUM CLUB
11:30 A.M. • \$23**

**SPEAKER • DAN CORBETT
AMERICAN HISTORY • WW II**

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

**EC BUSINESS MEETINGS
ALL MEETINGS AT 11:30 AM**

**LION & ROSE PUB
BLANCO @ LOOP 410**

**AUGUST 13TH - THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH - THURSDAY**

**PUB NIGHTS AT THE LION & ROSE
BLANCO AT LOOP 410
2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN ALL MEETINGS**



The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies

In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor. The signers of the Declaration represented the new states as follows:

New Hampshire
Josiah Bartlett, William
Whipple, Matthew
Thornton

Massachusetts
John Hancock, Samuel
Adams, John Adams,
Robert Treat Paine,
Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island
Stephen Hopkins, Wil-
liam Ellery

Connecticut
Roger Sherman, Sam-
uel Huntington, William
Williams, Oliver Wol-
cott

New York
William Floyd, Philip
Livingston, Francis
Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey
Richard Stockton, John
Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania



Robert Morris, Benjamin
Rush, Benjamin Franklin,
John Morton, George Clymer,
James Smith, George Taylor,
James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware
Caesar Rodney, George
Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland
Samuel Chase, William Paca,
Thomas Stone, Charles Car-
roll of Carrollton

Virginia
George Wythe, Richard Henry
Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Ben-
jamin Harrison,
Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis
Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

North Carolina
William Hooper, Joseph
Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina
Edward Rutledge, Thomas
Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia
Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

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