



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER #4 • TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: Our Independence Day Celebration was held July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort at 10 AM. Again, it was a great success and lots of fun for all; for more details go to pages 2, 3 and 4. One of the most interactive portion of the events was our compatriots (in Uniform and with out uniforms) who attended the event shared their stories of their Patriot Ancestor with the 100 plus Hotel Guests who attended the event.

By now each member should have received a packet of Raffle Tickets for a magnificent Model of the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides". Please help us sell these tickets to raise funds for our Youth Awards Programs. Tickets may be acquired for a \$5.00 donation for one or 5 for \$20.00. This 3 Foot Model will be won at our Annual Veterans Day Gala on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

For more details, contact Compatriot George Harcourt. See entry below . Are you looking to recruit new members, ask, see if your friends and neighbors are eligible. Are they members of other Heritage Groups that trace their lineage back to the American Revolution and earlier. We have an outstanding Genealogist in Peter Baron and he and your president are more then willing to help prospective members. Remember: 10 new members gets you a Liberty Medal to wear. **The second Tool Box Distribution will be held September 14 1100 at The Wounded Warrior Village.** Our first event was held on June 15th and at that time we presented 21 of tool boxes to the purple heart Wounded Warriors who were living at the Village. **All compatriots are invited to this event;** wear your Colonial Uniform or wear comfortable summer clothing.

Remember, we will resume our chapter meeting on September 18th at the Petroleum Club. **Remember to make you reservations** if you are not on the Standing Reservations List with our Treasurer Bob Clark (see Announcements on page 4).

Hope you had an enjoyable summer and as the summer vacations and travel come to a close, I hope have as safe Labor Day. Respectfully, *James C. Taylor*

CHAPTER PLANS VETERANS GALA



The Executive Committee continues its planning for our Veterans Gala on November 9th at the Petroleum Club in celebration of Veterans Day.

As a reminder, this is a fund-raiser for our Youth Awards Programs. Our primary fund-raiser is a Raffle of a 3 foot Model of the historic USS Constitution (the real ship is still moored in Boston Harbor).

Members are asked to get packets of tickets from Compatriot George Harcourt (seen at left) and sell them to our members, friends and anyone in your community. Tickets are offered at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for a \$20 donation.

All tickets must be turned in by November 9th; the drawing will be held after dinner at the Gala Celebration. **For details go to page 5.**

SASAR Celebrates Independence Day at Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

This year we celebrated the 237th anniversary of our nations Declaration of Independence from England. For the third time, our chapter was invited by Ms Melody Campbell-Goeken, Director Public Relations & Marketing for the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, to conduct our **educational and historical event** for hotel guests visiting the resort on July 3rd. This year we had two soldiers from the 323d US Army Band "Fort Sam Own" participate with us as a Fifer and Drummer adding greatly to the ceremony and proved entertaining for over 100 hotel guests and staff.

Fourteen chapter members who participated in the morning event. **(Photo below)** From right to left are: Judge Edward Butler (NSSAR President-General 2008-2009), Compatriots Jim Massingill, Fred Soupiset, Peter Baron, Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough (TXSSAR President), Edward Heath, James Taylor (SASR President), SGTs Gerard Cortese and Katherine Bolcar, George Harcourt, Bob Hancock and Schuyler Crist. Present but not in the picture are Bud Davenport and Bob Clark. **(For more details, see pages 3 & 4.)**



CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM AT FT. SAM CEMETERY

On July 4th, we joined the Granaderos Y Dames de Galvez at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston to pay tribute to veterans who served this great country and have been laid to rest. Compatriot, Peter Baron shown with his musket participated in the Musket Detail which fired a shot as each Colony of the Original Thirteen Colonies was announced.

Chapter members attending the event are shown from left to right: Compatriots Frank Rohrbough (Color Guard Commander, Southern Command TXSSAR), Stephen Rohrbough (TXSSAR President), Compatriots Lan Kelly, Reuben Perez and Peter Baron (Genealogist).



Hyatt Regency Event (Cont'd)



The program opened with the Presentation of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. TXSSAR President **Stephen Rohrbough** explained SAR purpose and goals of perpetuating patriotism and the reasoning for our patriots fight for Independence. Compatriot **Peter Baron** explained the various uniforms worn by soldiers of the Continental Army and the Colonial Militias. Then he demonstrated the commands for loading and firing the musket that was used by the foot soldiers of the Revolution. The Salute to the 13 Original Colonies followed with the Ringing of the Bell as each colony was announced based on the date it was founded.



This year we added a new feature to educate attendees on the Role of the Fife and Drum in the Continental Army in camp and on the battlefield. **SGTs Katherine Bolcar and Gerard Cortese** of the 323d US Army Band (**Photo above and at left**) entertained the audience with music of the Revolutionary War before the formal ceremonies began. During the program, they explained and demonstrated the drum beat and fife music that were used by field commanders to maneuver their troops on the battlefield - attack, retreat and flanking movements.

Finally, three members shared their Patriot Ancestor's service during the Revolution which qualified their descendents to become members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or the Daughter's the American Revolution (DAR).

These members were Compatriots **Edward Butler** (Patriot Thomas Marshal McClanahan served with the Culpeper, VA Minutemen), **Joe Ware** (Patriot Lt. Col. Ambrose Rucker, was a militia battalion commander, member of Committee on Correspondence and member, Virginia House of Delegates) and **George Harcourt** (Patriot Simon Dreisbach, Jr. represented Northampton County Pennsylvania to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia (July 15, 1776), which ratified the Declaration of Independence).

Several of our members spoke with the guests about their period uniforms and weapons, a battle in which their Patriot Ancestor fought or a hobby they have taken up to personalize their revolutionary knowledge. (**Photo at Right**) Compatriot **Fred Soupiset** explains to Cooper how to make a Powder Horn for carrying 'black powder' for firing his musket. The photo was provide by Cooper's mother Ashley Cook who stated: "My son was especially captivated by the gentleman that was working on the powder horn. He took special care to be patient and listen to his simple 4 year old questions. It meant so much to him when he gave him the end of the horn that he cut off. Cooper (my son) carried it around like a treasure the rest of the day! He has never shown much interest in (his tri-corner hat) until now. Now it has some context to him! I just wanted to let you know how much my family enjoyed the program."



Hyatt Regency Event (Cont'd)



Districts at elementary and middle school level.

(Photo Above) Compatriot Bob Clark (Treasurer) describes the medical instruments used by his Patriot Ancestor who was a surgeon during the Revolution. Looking is a young hotel guest (right) and Compatriots George Harcourt (Left) and Ed Heath, Past President.(Right)

(Photo at Right) Compatriot Jay Lewallen explained to two young hotel guests his 1770 period militia uniform and his "black powder" rifle which is a replica of the rifle carried by his Patriot Ancestor at the Battle of King's Mountain, NC on October 7, 1780. Compatriot Lewallen is the Chapter's Education Programs Chairman for events in local Independent School



Reflections From A Founding Father

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."
...Samuel Adams, 1779

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Chapter Business Meetings: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday of the month (Sep 12th and October 10th) at 11:30 A.M.

Next Chapter Meetings: Our next regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting will be held on September 18th and October 16th at the Petroleum Club at 11:30 A.M.

Operation Ancestry Research: Monday, August 26th at 1300. Dates in September are TBD. **All Mem-**

bers are invited to participate.)

TXSSAR's Board of Managers Meeting: The next BOM Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Houston, TX on October 11-13, 2013. For details, go to the TXSSAR's Public Webpage and click on the Events Tab:

<http://www.txssar.org>

US Military Veterans Day Parade: November 9th (Saturday) 11 AM Assemble. Parade starts at Noon. More details to come.

Chapter's Veterans Day Gala, Nov 9th at the Petroleum Club at 6 PM. Get your tickets for the Raffle of Model of the USS Constitution; contact Compatriot George Harcourt as noted on page 5 of this Newsletter.

To learn more about our many Chapter events, go to our **SASAR Chapter Website:**

<http://www.sarsat.org>



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER
TEXAS SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Dear Fellow San Antonio Chapter Compatriot:

Thank you for participating in our important effort to raise funds for the chapter's youth programs. This year we are conducting a raffle of a fantastic scaled model of the USS Constitution - Old Ironsides. The drawing will take place at our Veterans Day Gala on Saturday 9 November.

Thank you for taking responsibility for raffle tickets to sell as well purchasing some for yourself. The numbers of the tickets you have received have been entered into our tracking system.

Please have anyone writing a check to make it payable to: SAR. Cash is certainly acceptable as well, but please don't put cash into the mail. After selling the tickets you may deliver the funds to Bob Clark our chapter treasurer, Joe Ware or George Harcourt who are the committee for this effort.

The stubs of the sold tickets may be presented to Bob Clark, Joe Ware or George Harcourt. This will ensure that the stubs will be placed into the raffle box for the drawing.

All unsold tickets must be returned to George Harcourt who has the responsibility to track the sales and report them to the executive committee and to the treasurer.

When you need more tickets contact Joe Ware or George Harcourt. They will either mail or otherwise deliver to you the number you request. Should you need additional fliers describing the USS Constitution contact George Harcourt. He will mail the fliers to you or if it is more efficient he will email the flier so that you may print copies as you need them.

Ticket sales will continue until just before the drawing.

Please make plans to attend the Gala at the San Antonio Petroleum Club on the evening of 9 November. Additional details on cost and meal selection will be forthcoming.

Bob Clark: 111 Merry Trail - San Antonio, TX 78232 - 402-0871

Joe Ware: 16247 Deercrest - San Antonio TX 78248-1732 - 493-2907

George Harcourt: 810 Wiltshire Ave - San Antonio TX 78209-2849 - 822-1960

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