



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot James C. Taylor, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: It is such a privilege to serve as your President. Our Color Guard continues to be a visible face of SAR in our community (page 2). Compatriots visited 35 High Schools presenting outstanding citizenship awards and certificates to outstanding JROTC cadets. Many of these young ladies and men have found direction and purpose in their lives through the JROTC Programs. Some of these students have had to make a choice between after school events, including sports programs, to become cadets. One example I saw at the school I was presenting JROTC medals to, 12 cadets had completed a forty-hour course and had been awarded their First-Responders patches. It was reassuring to see their commitment to community service. Our Education and Youth Committees have been visiting Elementary, Middle and High Schools recognizing outstanding students and making positive influence on the youth of Bexar County and the surrounding counties. For our Veterans Day Gala on November 9th, we are Raffling a 3 foot model of "Old Ironsides", a fighting ship of the 1812 period. This beautiful Model will be used to raise funds for our Youth Programs. The tickets are being sold by our members for \$5.00 for 1 and \$20 for 5. For more details, contact Compatriot George Harcourt at george@geoharcourt.com. I encourage you to volunteer and become active in one of the best SAR Chapters in the USA. Respectfully, *James C. Taylor*

NEW TXSSAR PRESIDENT

The Texas Society held its Annual State Conference in Dallas at the Wyndham Hotel on April 5-7th. The Annual Meeting was hosted by the Dallas area SAR Chapters and their members.

One of the most significant events of the Convention was the election of our own Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough to President of the Texas Society. The induction was performed by President-General Stephen Leishman, NSSAR. Besides his long service to the San Antonio Chapter, he has served the State Society in many positions over the past 10 years. Among them are Staff Secretary, Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee and the Liaison to the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution. President Rohrbough announced the Theme of his Presidency: **"Year of the Youth"**. He outlined his goals for the year 2013-2014 as follows:



(Above) President Stephen and TXSSAR's First Lady Marie Rohrbough are shown with their daughter Bridget (lower far left seated) and with their son Patrick and his wife Antonia (lower right seated). Others attending the Meeting are shown standing.

- 1) **Youth Contests**, continue to grow the number of contestants in each contest and increase the amount of the awards along the way.
- 2) **Youth Activities**, expand our reach to Texas Society Children of the American Revolution by participating in joint meetings, attending joint events, and recognizing CAR members at State Meetings, Joint Meetings, and SAR Chapter and CAR Society Meetings.
- 3) **Youth Recruitment**, need to have male members of CAR join SAR when they age out of CAR at 21. We have to track the success of this effort to see how we are doing.
- 4) **Youth Education**, NSSAR has published a CD titled "America's Heritage and Adventure in Liberty." We need to support this outreach program and expand this NSSAR Project across Texas. I call upon chapters of this Society to actively promote this educational effort to their local schools.

Due to much hard work during the period March 2012 to April 2013, our Chapter received the following awards:

CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARDS AT TXSSAR MEETING (CONT'D)

- **Adrian Drouilhet Award** — most new members < age 50 — 19
- **Col Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award** — total contributions exceeding previous year and Repeat Winner from last year.
- **John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award** — met 7 of 9 CAR activity Items on CAR Report and Repeat Winner from last year.
- **TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award** — White Star and a Repeat Winner from last year.
- **John Bruce Stuart Jr. Award** — Group 4—Veterans Activities.
- **Ross Shipman Award** — Multiple Page Division 2 — Outstanding Chapter Newsletter.
- **TXSSAR Yearbook** — Group 4 — 2nd Place
- **TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest** — 1st Place was Morgan McMillian from the Denny Anderson Society and 2 Honorable Mentions from Denny Anderson Society.
- **TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award**— Group 4 w/ 21,815 Pts and repeat winner from last year.

SAR PATRIOT AWARD GIVEN TO FIVE TXSSAR MEMBERS

The Awards noted above could not have been awarded without the great support of other members of the San Antonio Chapter. Accordingly, mem-



ber of our Chapter can take pride in the work we did to receive these awards, but know that we have provided a wonderful service to our local community which gains recognition for SAR.

Several of our Chapter Members were recognized by President Bob Clark for their service throughout this past year to the Texas Society during the Annual Meeting; they include Compatriots James Taylor, Frank Rohrbough, George Harcourt, Peter Baron and Jim Massingill.

SAR Members Receive Patriot Medals: Altogether, 5 Patriot Medals were awarded by TXSSAR President Robert Clark during the TXSSAR Banquet on Saturday April 6th. This prestigious Award can only be awarded to one

person per 500 state members each year. **(Photo Above)** Recipients for the Class of 2013 include our own **Compatriot Peter Baron** (in Uniform). From left to rights are other Texas Society Members receiving the Patriot Medal — Compatriots John Beard, Bob Cohen, Tom Jackson and David Temple. President Bob Clark made the presentation at the Banquet on Saturday evening. **Special Note:** Our Chapter will host the 2014 State Meeting on **March 27-30, 2014** at the **Omni Hotel At The Colonnade at IH-10W. Save the date.**

Pilgrimage to the Alamo



On April 23rd, five members of the Chapter assembled at the Municipal Auditorium to participate in the Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo — an annual event held by the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas. Many civic and patriotic organizations participate in the solemn procession as a tribute to those Texians who died at Alamo fighting for their independence from Mexico in April 1836. According to DAR sources, more than 30 of them were sons or grandsons of Patriots of the American Revolution. Participating were the following: **(In photo from left to right)** Carrying the Parade Banner are Cadets from Marshall High School's JROTC Unit. Behind them are Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough, Bud Davenport and Ed Butler.

Chapter Celebrates in 83rd Birthday

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On the anniversary of the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution of its 1930 charter.
Foreground current chapter president James Taylor
Background: Former chapter presidents, Frank Rohrbough, Peter Baron Stephen Rohrbough, Harry Long, Jim Massingill, Joe Ware and George Harcourt

Memorial Resolution Respecting Compatriot Commander Courtland Snyder, USN (RET)

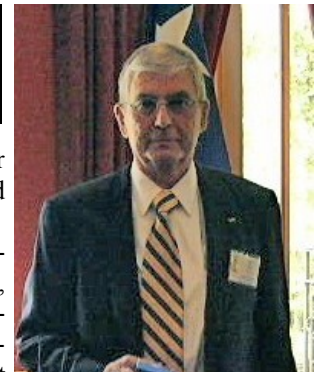
WHEREAS, The hand of death on 27 November 2012 entered our ranks and removed from our midst, COMPATRIOT EDWARD COURTLAND SNYDER, JR., our venerable and esteemed brother in arms, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT SNYDER was born on 30 October 1931 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Edward Courtland Snyder, Sr. and Winifred Flippen, whose ancestors were influential in the founding of the American Colonies. During much of his lifetime COMPATRIOT SNYDER served in the United States Navy. At the time of his death he resided in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. A memorial service was held for him on 21 December 2012 at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, following which, his earthly remains were placed at eternal rest at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in Bexar, Texas.

WHEREAS, by virtue of the proven patriot service during the Revolutionary War of his ancestor Lieutenant Colonel Henry (Hal) Dixon of the 1st Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line who served the entirety of the war and was praised by Light Horse Harry Lee for his poise in the Battle of Camden, and who died in the service of the Colonies, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT SNYDER successfully proved his direct lineage from the above Patriot, and was admitted to membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution on 23 September 2003 as member number 161093 and simultaneously was granted membership in the Texas Society,

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT SNYDER was an active member of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and during that time participated in the activities of the chapter, and was recognized as Honorary President in 2012 and received the SAR War Service Medal, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, and the TXSSAR Bronze Service Medal, and is further remembered by the success of the E.C. Snyder JROTC Scholarship contributing to the chapter's success, (**Go to Pg 4**)



Memorial Resolution For Courtland Snyder (Cont'd)

W H E R E A S,
C O M P A T R I O T
S N Y D E R graduated
from the United

States Naval Academy, Class of 1954, and served as a Surface Warfare Officer, during which time he commanded the Destroyer Escort USS Cromwell, DE 1014 (1967-1968) and the USS Brumby, DE 1044 (1972-1973), having retired after 21 years of commissioned service in the United States Navy, he then earned a MBA from the College of William and Mary and began working with Brown & Root, an international engineering and construction company, he retired in 1984, and

W H E R E A S, **C O M P A T R I O T S N Y D E R** left surviving him his loving and devoted family: his wife, Patricia Ellen Funk Snyder, of San Antonio; his son, Edward Courtland Snyder, III and his wife Aida of San Antonio; his daughter Tracy Ellen Snyder Bretoi and her husband Matthew of Sarasota, Florida; four grandchildren; and his half brother Paul David Snyder & family of Wildwood, Missouri, to whom we express our deepest sympathy on their respective loss, and

W H E R E A S, upon his death, our country and state lost a loyal citizen and Patriot whose devotion never faltered. He was one of the most zealous and faithful defenders of the principles for which our patriotic ancestors fought in the battle against the British for American Independence. In his quiet and unassuming way he did much to promote the progress and development of his country and the happiness of those around him. He was a good, quiet and modest person and enjoyed the respect, esteem and admiration of all who knew him.

N O W, T H E R E F O R E B E I T R E S O L V E D by the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution as follows:

F I R S T: That this chapter has lost a loyal and devoted member. To his family and friends we express our thanks for sharing his life with us and extend our profound condolences at his passing from our ranks.

S E C O N D: That this country and state have lost an honorable, upright and honest citizen, who was always ready to spend his life and give his service for that which he believed to be right and for the best interests of his country and state. To that end we dedicate ourselves anew to the continuance of the service to the country which his lifetime so well performed. We further Resolve that we are pledged again to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in Securing for mankind the blessings of Liberty.

T H I R D: That for the purposes of perpetuating the memory of his life and fidelity to the purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution, and his steady devotion to duty, duplicate copies of this Resolution shall be entered into the minutes of this chapter, which he loved so well, and delivered to his family.

F O U R T H: That a duplicate of this Resolution shall be bound together with other similar Memorial Resolutions of the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution into a minimum of three books. Copies of this book will be donated to: 1. The San Antonio, Texas Public Library, 2. The National Library of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution in Louisville, Kentucky, 3. Chapter Genealogist, San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

F I F T H: As a token of our love and respect for our Compatriot, we have purchased a suitable book on the American Revolution or about one of its many patriots. That book will be donated to a local Public School Library in San Antonio with an inscription referencing **C O M P A T R I O T E D W A R D C O U R T L A N D S N Y D E R, J R.**

The Resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on March 14th and read at the March 20th Chapter Meeting by Compatriot Peter Baron (Shown Above). It is posted on the Chapter Web Page.



JROTC Award Presented



Cadet Hayden is the San Antonio Chapter winner of the 2012 Enhanced ROTC Contest; he went on to take 1st Place at the TXSSAR State Contest. Competing against 19 State Finalists, Cadet Hayden took 2nd Place in the National Enhanced ROTC Contest. Shown at right in TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough presenting Hayden his TXSSAR Award.; at left is Chapter President James Taylor with Hayden and his parents receiving his Chapter Award.



Chapter Participates in Annual Tejada Middle School History Faire

On April 6th while many of our Chapter Leaders were attending the Annual Texas Society SAR Meeting in Dallas, several of our members participated in the Frank Tejada Middle School History Faire. Compatriot Jay Lewallen took the lead role to provide selected demonstrations of the American Revolution events, period uniforms and weapons, camp life during the Revolution. Compatriots Fred Soupiset demonstrates making a powder horn while Jay Lewallen and Bob Hancock look on.



Knight Essay Winner Recognized

The San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has recognized Sydney Wilburn, a 12th grade student at Louis D. Brandeis High School, as the 1st place winner of their annual George and Stella Knight Essay Contest and presented her with a specially designed SAR Certificate and \$250 Gift Card. Sydney read her essay entitled “John Adams: A Forgotten Legacy.”

This award was made on the basis of historical accuracy, clarity of thought, organization, grammar and references. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average, selected for the National Honor Society and is an Advanced Placement Scholar. Sydney has taken time to do voluntary work at the Ronald McDonald House and the Haven for Hope. The award was presented at the March 20th Chapter Meeting.



Joining Sydney in the presentation (in Photo shown left to right) is Jay Lewallen, Chairman, SAR Education Committee, Sydney and her parents.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED



(Photo Above) President Taylor presented the SAR Outstanding Teacher of the Year to Ms. Andrea Palen from Hardy Oaks Elementary School; looking on is the school's Principal, Lola Folkes and Compatriot Jay Lewallen.

On March 8th, Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Hal Atkinson and Frank Rohrbough were invited by Ms. Andrea Palen, the Art and History Teacher, to recognize the 4th and 5th grade students who had participated in our SAR Poster Contest. The five students who made posters depicting the American Revolution were presented an SAR Certificate for their participation. This initial effort sets the stage for the students to participate in our SAR Poster Contest in 2014 with the winner advancing to the TXSSAR Contest. Following the Awards Ceremony, we gave a 40 minute program to 160 students briefly telling them about SAR and describing our uniforms and weapons. We explained how our uniforms were different for frontiersmen, minutemen, militia and the regular Army and how to recognize uniforms for officers and enlisted soldiers. Though the efforts of Compatriot Lewallen, a bond has been developed to make this a winning relationship between the school and our chapter for years to come.

Guest Speaker Addresses Mission of the Center for the Intrepid

Dr. Donald Gajewski, Director of The Center

for the Intrepid, SAMMC, was our Guest Speaker for the April 17 Chapter Meeting. He spoke eloquently (and with genuine emotion) on the Mission and Operations of the Center for the Intrepid located at Ft. Sam Houston. It is the National Armed Forces Physical Rehabilitation Center, a one of a kind World Class Facility. It is part of the Brooke Army Medical Center.

Colonel Gajewski, an Orthopedic Surgeon by training, noted that the facility includes clinical, research and administrative space and sophisticated medical equipment such as a “gait lab”, a computer assisted rehabilitation environment, a pool, an indoor running track, a two-story climbing wall, and a prosthetic fabrication lab. All of this is to provide service members with severe extremity injuries and amputations the opportunity to maximize their ability to live and work productively.

Our members have been invited to visit the Center when such arrangements can be made by our Chapter.



TXSSAR President Visits Chapter

Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough, the newly installed TXSSAR State President, addressed the chapter members bringing greetings from the State Society. He briefly reviewed the vision he has for the Society and announced his theme of his Presidency: “Year of the Youth”. He stated that his specific goals focused on Contests, Activities, Recruitment and Education. For more details see page 1. President Rohrbough announced that the Fall Board of Managers Meeting would be held in Houston on October 11-13, 2013 and the State Meeting held in San Antonio in March 2014.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Chapter Business Meetings: Lion & Rose Pub, Blanco at Loop 410, 2nd Thursday of the month (May 9 & June 13) at 11:30 A.M.

Next Chapter General Meetings: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday in of the month (May 15th and June 19th) at 11:30 A.M.

Operation Ancestry Research: Monday, May 14th at 1300 and Tuesday, May 29th at 1100. (All Members are invited to participate.)

Independence Day Events:

- Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Educational Program, 10 AM (Assemble at 9 :15 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) All members are invited to participate or attend.
- Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service, Ft. San Houston National Cemetery, 10 A.M. (Assemble at 9:15 AM)

Summer Recess: No Chapter Meetings will be held in July or August. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 18th at the Petroleum Club.

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>

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

<http://www.sarsat.org>