



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

As my year as your president draws to a close I would like to Thank You for the opportunity to have served you..

I would especially like to thank those compatriots behind the scenes and those on the Executive Board who have made the San Antonio Chapter #4 such a success.

Again, this year we were Awarded Best Chapter by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at their Annual Congress in July in Kansas City. Our Chapter received many accolades and awards from the National Society .

Compatriots: Stephen Rohrbough, TXSSAR State President, you have provided clear mission goals for our Chapter and SAR Chapters across the State. **Ed Butler**, Past President General, has been my advisor in National SAR issues. **Frank Rohrbough**, I want to thank you for your outstanding service as Chapter Color Guard Commander, Newspaper Editor, Veterans Programs and Correspondence Secretary. You have published an Award Winning Chapter Newsletter as judged by TXSSAR. **George Harcourt**, you have been quick to support our Community Events and have provided much needed office space for our working committee meetings. The success of our Raffle of the Model Ship, the Historic U.S.S. Constitution "Old Iron Sides", was highly successful. **Harry Long, Joe Ware and Ed Heath** as Past Chapter Presidents you have kept me on an even track in the conduct of our chapter events. **Peter Baron**, as a Past President you were always available to help with color guard events, including a "Shoot Out and Powder Horn Making Event". Thank you for writing award citations for our award programs. As our Register and Genealo-

gist Peter focused on growing our membership this year and assisting potential members in the application process. Peter and **Paul Reynolds** have kept the Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) Program for wounded warriors at SAAMC going forward with over 125 wounded warriors or family members participating in the program.

Jay Lewallen, a special thanks goes to you as our Education/Youth Program Chairman for coordinating with local High and Middle Schools to find outstanding Teachers for the History Award Program. Your efforts to provide educational programs to children throughout our community has made the American Revolution come alive for them.

Bill Clanton, thank you for taking over the Awards Program; you have made sure that I had the appropriate Awards available for presentations.

Bud Davenport, thank you for serving as Chairman of the ROTC Awards Program. Through your efforts outstanding cadets at more than 30 schools received medals and recognition. **Mark Remington**, Recording Secretary, you kept outstanding minutes and clearly defined those actions completed and those still needing to be accomplished by our Executive Committee.

Bob Clark, Treasurer, kept track of all our funds "like they were his own"! You are a meticulous bookkeeper and no transaction escaped your "eyes" which was invaluable to our financial status. **Jim Massingill**, Historian, kept us entertained at the regular meetings with his vignettes of little known historical facts of the American Revolution. **Ron Powell**, Flag

Committee Chair sought out deserving persons and community businesses to receive the SAR Flag Award for flying the U.S. Flag correctly.

Additionally, Thank You's go to **Schuyler Crist**, Membership Committee Chair who has served our leadership team well by encouraging new members to take committee positions.

Bob Brady, Eagle Scout Chairman worked with area Eagle Scout Troops to find outstanding candidates for our Eagle Scout Program. **Max Strozier**, has maintained an exceptional Web Site noting Chapter current events and activities. **Jerry Fulenwider**, provided advance publicity about our chapter events to local media. He also manned the Reception Table to collect member payments at Luncheons.

This year we conducted two NSSAR Tool Box Program Events where we distributed 41 tool boxes, filled with \$1000 of tools to wounded warrior recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

As you can see, we are only as good as the Compatriots who work together in support of our chapter goals.

A special thanks goes to my WOSAR (Wife, SAR) **Patricia Taylor**, my constant companion and supporter of all I have done for SAR.

On December, 18th we elected new Officers for 2014; I am sure you will want to be on hand at our January 15th meeting to support our new Chapter President Compatriot **Bob Hancock** as he leads us in 2014.

Again, Thank You for the privilege of leading the best SAR Chapter in the Nation for this year.

James C. Taylor

US MILITARY VETERANS PARADE

The San Antonio Chapter again participated in the 14th USMVPA Parade in downtown San Antonio on Saturday, November 9th.

This parade celebrates the currently serving active duty members and thank all veterans for their service in years past to this great country. Again, this year we had Compatriot Lan Kelly and his wife Pat join us in the Parade from Alamo Plaza to Milam Park.

Compatriot Jim Hudson provided his 1952 Vintage Korean Jeep with trailer which allowed members to ride in the parade. Hopefully, more members will join us in this and other parades in the future.

This year Jim Hudson brought his longtime friend **Bob Tolbert**, a 93 year old World War II Marine Corps Veteran, to ride “shotgun” in his jeep. Notable is Bob’s war service at the **Battles of Tarawa, Guadalcanal and Saipan**. Bob shared his story as the Beachhead Coordinator at Guadalcanal; while landing on the beach he was shot in the leg but continued directing the landing operations. (See Photo on Pg 4)



(Above) Shown from left to right are SASAR Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough and Chapter President James Taylor. Others participating were Lan and Pat Kelly, Jim Hudson, Bob Hancock and Max Strozier (seated in the Trailer.)

HEROISM AWARD GIVEN TO LOCAL SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICER



Officer Jolanda Sanchez is a fifteen-year veteran of the San Antonio Police Department and is assigned to the Patrol Division at the Central Substation. On the morning of Monday the 9th of September 2013, Officer Sanchez and other officers responded to a disturbance call at the Super 8 hotel in downtown San Antonio. While opening the door to the hotel room, an assailant opened fire on the officers. Officer Sanchez avoided being struck by gunfire as the rounds penetrated the door and wall around her. The assailant exited the room and continued to fire and struck another officer in the head.

Officer Sanchez acted with bravery as she assisted the larger officer from harm's way. She continued to encourage and protect him until he was driven from the scene for medical treatment. Her actions to protect her partner and prevent him from further injury were selfless and show the heart of a Hero.

We recognize Officer Sanchez for her honor and commitment to duty; these actions reflect great credit on herself, her family, the San Antonio Police Department and the Citizens of San Antonio. Recognized this 7th Day of December 2013 by the San Antonio Chapter, of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.

JOINT SAR-DAR-CAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



(Photo Above) Our Chapter's Color Guard includes (from left to right) Compatriots Bob Hancock, Stephen Rohrbough, Peter Baron, Jay Lewallen and Commander Frank Rohrbough.



The Joint Meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 7th at the San Antonio Country Club. Regent Martha von Nimitz was our hostess for the annual event and provided us with wonderful hospitality. We took the opportunity to recognize Officer Jolanda Sanchez for her heroism by presenting her the SAR Heroism Award. (See page 2)

This year the Texas Children's Choir from the Greater San Antonio Area provided our Holiday entertainment. The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Hardaway (a Retired Colonel, US Army Pediatrician and Child Psychologist), provided a sterling performance of Christmas Music. Passionate about music and teaching it to children, Dr. Hardaway has trained and directed children's choirs for more than 40 years. Members, whose ages range from 8-18, attend local schools.

Nationally, the choir has provided the music for ceremonies commemorating D-Day at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans in 2003 and 2004. They sang for the combined White House and Department of Defense ceremonies at the National Cemetery on Normandy Beach for President Bush and the First Lady, as well as the French President Chirac on June 6, 2004.

Internationally, they have performed concerts at cathedrals in England and France. The children sang a special choral and organ concert for the American Ambassador to France and his wife at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. Later, they presented the "Requiem" in 3 soprano parts by Gabriel Fauré Normandy Beach for the French national ceremonies in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. (See Photo at Left)

Also attending were Compatriot Ken Harwood and his wife Sylvia and little Campbell Baron is his mother Tina Baron.



We had 8 members and their Ladies plus Max Strozier (totaling 17) attend for this annual event. At left above are Stephen Rohrbough, State TXSSAR President, and Past President-General NSSAR Edward Butler and his Lady Robin. At center are Bob and Prissy Hancock. Above are Joe Ware and Max Strozier.

OFFICERS FOR 2014

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 18th Chapter Meeting to serve for 2014:

President: Robert Hancock

Vice President: Bill Clanton

Recording Secretary: Mark Remington

Corresponding Secretary: Frank Rohrbough

Chancellor: Ben Wallis, Jr

Sergeant at Arms: Frank Rohrbough

Treasurer: Bob Clark

Registrar: James Taylor

Historian: Jim Massingill

Chaplain: James Taylor

Genealogist: James Taylor

PRESIDENT PRESENTS CHAPTER AWARDS TO 2013 OFFICERS

As noted in the "President's Farewell Message", the efforts of all of our Chapter Officers and Chairmen of our various committees and programs made this a very successful year. Several highlights of the year include our participation in the George Washington Parade in Laredo, history fairs at local elementary and middle schools, the Independence Day Program at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, the US Military Veterans Parade, and our Joint DAR/SAR/CAR Christmas Holiday Luncheon. All of these activities support SAR's goal to promote the education of citizens about the history and events of the American Revolution. President Taylor presented the newly authorized SAR Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate for those members who served as an Officer for either 2 years or as a Committee Chairman for 3 years or a Committee Member for 4 years. Other members were presented the TXSSAR Chapter Service Medal and Certificate or an Oak Leaf Cluster if they had previously received the Medal.

Not shown but recognized were Bob Brady, Bill Clanton, Bob Hancock, and Jerry Fulenwider who were presented the Chapter's Service Medal and Certificate. Not present were Mark Remington, Schuylar Crist and John Orr.



(Photo at Left) Shown from left to right are: Jim Massingill, Bob Clark, Bud Davenport, George Harcourt, Harry Long and President Taylor. President Taylor presented them the new SAR Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate. **(Photo Below)** Shown are: James Taylor, Stephen Rohrbough, Frank Rohrbough, Joe Ware, and Peter Baron. They also received the new SAR Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate. President Taylor thanked all Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs for their valued services to the Chapter during the past year.



(Photo At Left) Compatriot Jim Hudson (seated) introduces his 93 year old friend WWII Veteran Bob Talbot as our honored guest. Jim spoke of Bob's war service in the Marine Corps during the

Battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. He was given a warm reception by our members.



An Historical Review of The Bill of Rights

Dec 15, 1791: The Bill of Rights Becomes Law

On this day in 1791, Virginia becomes the last state to ratify the Bill of Rights, making the first ten amendments to the Constitution law and completing the revolutionary reforms begun by the Declaration of Independence. Before the Massachusetts ratifying convention would accept the Constitution, which they finally did in February 1788, the document's Federalist supporters had to promise to create a Bill of Rights to be amended to the Constitution immediately upon the creation of a new government under the document.

The Anti-Federalist critics of the document, who were afraid that a too-strong federal government would become just another sort of the monarchical regime from which they had recently been freed, believed that the Constitution gave too much power to the federal government by outlining its rights but failing to delineate the rights of the individuals living under it. The promise of a Bill of Rights to do just that helped to assuage the Anti-Federalists' concerns.

The newly elected Congress drafted the Bill of Rights on December 25, 1789. Virginia's ratification on this day in 1791 created the three-fourths majority necessary for the ten amendments to become law. Drafted by James Madison and loosely based on Virginia's Declaration of Rights, the first ten amendments give the following rights to all United States citizens:

1. Freedom of religion, speech and assembly
2. Right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of a well-regulated militia
3. No forcible quartering of soldiers during peacetime
4. Freedom from unreasonable search and seizure
5. Right to a grand jury for capital crimes and due process. Protection from double jeopardy, self-incrimination and public confiscation of private property without just compensation.
6. Right to speedy and public trial by jury and a competent defense
7. Right to trial by jury for monetary cases above \$20
8. Protection against excessive bail or fines and cruel and unusual punishments
9. Rights not enumerated are retained by the people
10. Rights not given to the federal government or prohibited the state governments by the Constitution, are reserved to the States... or to the people.

Source: www.history.net

Chapter Supports Veterans Bake Sale

The South Texas Veterans Medical Center conducted its Annual Bake Sale to raise funds for the Volunteer Services Office to meet the needs of Veterans getting care within the South Texas Service Area. As a Member of the Volunteer Service Organizations Council, our chapter donated \$100 towards the event and helped staff the desk (totaling 10 volunteer hours) selling baked goods to visitors and staff. The event raised over \$2,000 for the personal needs of veterans. **(Photo at Right)** Compatriots Bud Davenport (as cashier) and Frank Rohrbough assisted; Compatriot Jerry Ball also assisted.



Famed Texas Compatriot Ted Fehrenbach Passes On



Compatriot T. R. (Ted) Fehrenbach -- scholar, author, soldier, businessman, linguist, conversationalist and master storyteller -- passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2013 at the age of 88. He was a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and the San Antonio Chapter since 1966.

Ted was born on January 12, 1925 in San Benito, Texas to a pioneer Texas family in land development and agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley. He graduated from high school in Hollywood, California and later graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University in 1947. Ted and Lillian were married in 1951 and moved to San Antonio in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and the Korean War, and retired as Lt. Colonel in the Active Army Reserves after over twenty years of service.

In 2002, Fehrenbach was honored at a Twilight Tattoo Ceremony on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. before a crowd of more than five thousand soldiers and participants, and received that same morning the St. Maurice Award at the Pentagon in honor of his role as a writer in illuminating the Korean War and the lessons to be learned from the conflict.

His writings produced the definitive book of Texas history, "Lone Star -- A History of Texas and Texans", as well "This Kind of War", "Fire & Blood", "Comanches", "Swiss Banks", "Greatness to Spare" and many other books which are still read widely.

Ted was also a member of the Argyle Club, Conopus Club, **Sons of the American Revolution**, the Princeton Club of New York and was an Honorary Son of the Republic of Texas.

The public burial ceremony with full military honors was held at the Texas State Cemetery, 909 Navasota Street, Austin, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013. (Source: Obituary at porterloring.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Executive Committee Meetings: Lion & Rose Pub, Sonterra Blvd 410, usually held on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:30 A.M (Next Meetings are on January 9th and February 13th.)

Chapter General Meeting: Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. (Next Meetings will be held on January 15th and February 19th, respectively)

Special Events:

- **Removal of Christmas Decorations at VA Medical Center:** January 3rd (Friday), 8-10 AM.

Remove Christmas Decorations in the Recreation Center at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, in San Antonio. Need about 5 members.

- **Operation Ancestor Research:** January 6th and January 28th at 1 PM at BAMC Wounded Warrior Family Support Center.
- **Historical Presentation:** January 16th, Thousand Oaks Elementary School at 8 A.M.
- **Historical Presentation:** January 25th at Camp Pike for Boy Scout Troop 285. Time TBD.

- **George Washington Parade:** Laredo, TX on February 22, 2014 at the Convention Center across from the Holiday Inn. Assemble at 8-9 AM. Parade is sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. To Participate each person must complete the Parade Release Form NLT Jan 2, 2014.

Contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at frankr@gvtc.com.

To learn more, go to our Chapter Webpage :