



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: On the morning of July 3rd we conducted our “**Independence Day Celebration**” at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort. This was our 3rd year to make this presentation to over 100 Hotel Guests. Our Program was well-received. We had 16 members (11 in revolutionary uniforms or period clothing) participate in the various activities to include Flag Presentation, Show and Tell Table Demonstrations, a Fife and Drum Demonstration by two members of the US Army Band, Firing of Muskets, a Bell Ringing Salute to the Original Colonies and Telling of Patriot Stories. For more details and photos, go to **Pages 2-4**.

Our 3rd **Tool Box Distribution** this year will be held on Saturday, **September 13th at 11:00 A.M. at the Operation Homefront Village** located at 7027 FM 78 (Seguin Hwy). This will be our 5th Distribution of tool boxes to the Wounded Warriors who have received the Purple Heart Medal who are living at the Village. All compatriots are invited to this event. Come and pay your respects to these Wounded Warriors and their families and “Thank Them” for their service our country.

Remember, we will resume our monthly chapter meetings on **September 17th** the Petroleum Club. Remember to make your reservations, if you are not on the Standing Reservations List, with our Acting Treasurer Jim Massingill at reservations@sarsat.org.

Save the date of **Saturday, October 18th for our Gala Banquet** which will be held at the Petroleum Club starting at 6:00 PM. This event will take the place of our normal monthly meeting. See “**Chapter Plans Gala Banquet**” below. For Coming Events, see **Announcements on Page 4**.

Hope you had an enjoyable summer that included some travel for sightseeing, visit friends or family; I pray you have as safe Labor Day.

Respectfully, *Robert Hancock*

CHAPTER PLANS GALA BANQUET

As announced in our May-Jun 2014 Chapter Newsletter, we will conduct a Gala Banquet on Saturday, October 18th at the Petroleum Club at 6:00 P.M. The primary purpose of this social event is to have fun and share in fellowship with many of our members who usually cannot attend our monthly Chapter Meetings during the work week. This is not a “fund-raiser” event for our Youth Awards Programs - that was done when we hosted the Texas Society Annual Meeting in March. So, to keep the cost lower, we have selected a menu that has been set for \$50 per person.

To add to the celebration, we will Raffle a Collection of Fine Wines and Chocolates Basket (valued at \$250); members will have an opportunity to buy tickets at our Chapter Meeting on September 18th and again at the Gala Banquet.

Tickets are offered at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for a \$20 donation. **A Gala Flyer giving details about reservations and meal choices is provided on Page 5.**

SAVE THE DATE
SAN ANTONIO SAR GALA
SATURDAY · OCTOBER 18TH · 6 PM
PETROLEUM CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



SASAR Celebrates Independence Day at Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

Ms Melissa Tope, Marketing Communications Manager 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 join us again as a Fifer and Drummer adding greatly to the ceremony and proved entertaining for over 100 hotel guests and staff.

Sixteen chapter members participated in the morning event. They included Bob Hancock (SASAR President), Judge Edward Butler (NSSAR President-General 2008-2009), Stephen Rohrbough (TXSSAR Past-President), Compatriots Paul Reynolds, Jim Massingill, Joe Ware, Fred Soupiset, Peter Baron and

his little son Campbell, Jay Lewallen, Frank Rohrbough, George Harcourt, Schuyler Crist, Bud Davenport, Bob Clark and Roy Leonard. (For more details, see pages 3 & 4.)

(Photo at Left) Presenting the National Colors is our SAR Color Guard (from left to right) which included Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Stephen Rohrbough, Commander Peter Baron and Chapter President Robert Hancock. Participating with the Color Guard are SGTs Bolcar and Cortese from “Fort Sam’s Own”.



INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT 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 our great country and have been laid to rest.

(Photo at Right) Chapter President Robert Hancock (left) and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander (right), represented SAR in the Organizations Wreath Laying Procession. President Hancock participated in the ceremonies giving the Benediction. Compatriot Mark Collins, a former member of our Chapter, was the Keynote Speaker speaking in the personage of General George Washington. His remarks on virtue, ethics, honor, duty and country were addressed in context of events occurring in our country today.



Hyatt Regency Event (Cont'd)

The program opened with the Presentation of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Chapter President **Robert Hancock** explained SAR purpose and goals of perpetuating patriotism and the reasoning for our patriots fight for Independence.

(Photo at Top Right) Compatriot **Peter Baron** explained the various uniforms worn by soldiers of the Continental Army and the Colonial Militias and then demonstrated the loading and firing the musket that was used by the foot soldiers of the Revolution. Again, this year we brought back our Army Band Friends 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 entertained the audience with music of the Revolutionary War before the formal ceremonies began.



(Photo at Left) 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.

The Ringing of the Bell Salute to the 13 Original Colonies was conducted where the bell was struck as each colony was announced in the order the colony was founded.

Finally, Compatriot Jim Massingill spoke of the "Stories of our Patriot Ancestors" and introduced two members to speak about their Patriot Ancestor's service during the Revolution. Such services qualifies descendants of Patriots to become members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or the Daughter's the American

Revolution (DAR). **(Photo at Bottom Right)** Compatriot **Edward Butler** told that his Patriot Thomas Marshal McClanahan served with the Culpeper, VA Minutemen. Compatriot **Joe Ware** remarked that his Patriot Lt. Col. Ambrose Rucker, was a militia battalion commander, member of Committee on Correspondence and member, Virginia House of Delegates).



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 Left) Compatriot **Fred Soupiset** explains how to make a Powder Horn for carrying 'black powder' for his weapons.

Compatriot Bob Clark addressed the services rendered by his physician ancestor. Compatriot Paul Reynolds wore a Chaplain's Clerical Uniform speaking on the duties he would perform in the Continental Army. Other members served in various support roles - Compatriots Bud Davenport and Roy Leonard were our "Town Criers" calling all Hotel Guests to attend the event while Compatriots Schuyler Crist and George Harcourt manned the "Welcome Table" and handed out Programs to all Guests.



Hyatt Regency Event (Cont'd)

(Photo at Right)

Compatriot Jay Lewallen tells one young hotel guest and his father about his 1770 period militia uniform and his "black powder" rifle - 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 Districts at elementary and middle school level.



(Photo at Left) President Bob Hancock presented Ms Melissa Tope, Marketing Communications Manager at the Hyatt Regency Resort, the San Antonio SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her community service to the Guests at the Resort. Drummer SGT Cortese and Fifer SGT Katherine Bolcar were also awarded this SAR Medal for their community service.



Reflections From A Founding Father

No morn ever dawned more favorable than ours did; and no day was every more clouded than the present! Wisdom, and good examples are necessary at this time to rescue the political machine from the impending storm.

George Washington, letter to James Madison, November 5, 1786.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

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

Next Chapter Meetings: Our next regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting will be held on September 17th at the Petroleum Club at 11:30 A.M. **Note:** No Chapter Meeting in October due to our Gala Event.

Operation Ancestry Research: Thursday, August 28th at 1300.

Dates in September are TBD. **All Members are invited to participate.)**

TXSSAR's Board of Managers Meeting: The next BOM Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Temple, TX on November 7-9, 2014. 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 8th (Saturday) 11

AM Assemble. Parade starts at Noon. More details to come.

Chapter's Gala Banquet, October 18th at the Petroleum Club at 6 PM. Make your Reservation using the Gala flyer on Page 5.

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

<http://www.sarsat.org>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SAN ANTONIO EDITION ~ 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1781

BE IT REMEMBERED!

That on the 17th Day of October, 1781 Lieut. Gen. Charles Earl CORNWALLIS, with above 5,000 British troops, surrendered themselves prisoners of war to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, commander in chief of the allied forces of France and America. LAUS DEO!

In celebration of the great victory a Gala Banquet will be held on Saturday the 18th Day of October, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Petroleum Club of San Antonio.

Mail your meal selection and payment before October 10th to:

Compatriot Jim Massingill
21523 Pearl Spring • San Antonio, TX 78258

Enclosed is payment of \$50 per person for my reservation as follows:

Selection	Name	Name
Filet Mignon		
Chicken Gratinée		
Red Snapper Pontchartrain		

Gala Wine Raffle

A very special basket of fine wines with a retail value of not less than \$250 will be raffled at the Gala. Advance Sale Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Enclosed is payment for raffle tickets in the amount of \$_____



THE SIGNED PEACE TREATY AT 1781 YORK TOWN