



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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Compatriot Robert Hancock, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my first 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 Committee who have made the San Antonio Chapter #4 such a success. Again, this year we were recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at their Annual Congress in July in Greenville, SC as one of the best and received numerous awards in recognition of our efforts.

Compatriots: **Stephen Rohrbough**, as TXSSAR State President, you have provided clear mission goals to our Chapter and SAR Chapters across the State. You also, have taken over our Chapter Awards Program and have done an outstanding job with a difficult task. **Ed Butler**, as Past President General, has been my advisor in National SAR issues. **Frank Rohrbough**, I refer to you as the "Glue" who has played a key role in keeping the Chapter running smoothly. Also, I want to thank you for your outstanding service as Chapter Color Guard Commander, Newsletter Editor, Veterans Program Chairman and Correspondence Secretary. You published 6 issues of an Award Winning Chapter Newsletter as judged by TXSSAR. **James Taylor**, thank you for being one Great Chapter/TXSSAR Chaplains! Also, your conduct of two NSSAR Tool Box Program Events this year was praiseworthy where we have now distributed almost 100 Tool Boxes - filled with \$1000 worth of tools - during the last 2 years to wounded warriors recipients of the Purple Heart Medal. **George Harcourt**, your support for our Chapter Gala with the preparation of our Programs, Invitations and Flyers. You are truly a Pro! The "Wine and Chocolate Basket Raffle" was highly successful and helped with funding our Youth Programs. **Harry Long**, by his "long" service with SAR has done an excellent job keeping me on an even keel. **Joe Ware**, I do not know what I would have done without

your thoughtful counsel throughout the year and superb help in making our Gala a great success. You found us a fine Guest Speaker and you did a great deal to promote good attendance at this event. **Peter Baron**, as a Past President, you were always available to help with color events and our Fire Safety Award. Thank you for writing citations for our award programs. As Registrar, you helped grow our Chapter membership this year and assisting potential members in the application process. Peter, the energy and enthusiasm you bring to the Chapter is outstanding and truly appreciated! **Paul Reynolds**, you agreed to take over the Chairmanship of the ROTC Awards Program and through your efforts, we were able to recognize outstanding cadets at more than 30 schools and present our SAR medals and awards. Paul, whenever the Chapter needed something, you are always first in line to say "I will do it". **Jay Lewallen**, I owe you "a special thanks" as our Education/Youth Program Chairman for coordinating with local Schools to find outstanding Teachers for our American History Awards Program. By making the American Revolution "come alive", you have significantly advanced the educational opportunities for many 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in our local community. **Bill Clanton**, thank you for the work you did with our Awards and Medals Program and for providing excellent guest speakers for our Chapter Meetings. **Bud Davenport**, thank you for being a major contributor to our Executive Committee and the many hours you have contributed to "Service to Veterans" over this past year. Your assistance to Paul Reynolds has enhanced our ROTC Awards Program. **Mark Remington**, as Recording Secretary, you kept outstanding minutes for our Executive Committee Meetings by clearly

documenting committee actions and events to be accomplished. **Bob Clark**, as Treasurer, you did a superb job keeping track of all our funds "like they were your own"! Bob, you are a meticulous bookkeeper and no transaction escaped your "eyes", which was invaluable to our financial status. You will be missed. **Jim Massingill**, as Historian and now Treasurer, thank you for stepping up to be our Chapter Treasure upon Bob Clark's move to New Mexico Your historical vignettes of little known facts of American Revolution have been really enlightening - "gee I did not know that" great. **Ron Powell**, as Flag Committee Chair, thank you for seeking out deserving persons, businesses and schools who proudly fly the U.S. Flag so that they could be recognized as part of our SAR Flag Award Program. **Schuyler Crist**, as Membership Committee Chair, you have served our leadership team well by encouraging members who fail/forgot to pay their SAR Dues and returned them to the Active Membership Status. **Bob Brady**, as Eagle Scout Chair, your work with local Boy Scout Troop Council has been helpful in identifying outstanding candidates for our Eagle Scout Program; your efforts have been invaluable. **Max Strozier**, as Webmaster, you have maintained an exceptional Chapter Web Site posting our bi-monthly Chapter Newsletters and periodic News Releases and that keep our members informed of upcoming events. Your focus on Early American History Events is truly noteworthy.

As you see, those Compatriots who work together as a team to support Chapter goals have made us one of the most exceptional chapters in the Texas Society. As one final note, **on December 17th we elected a new slate of officers for 2015. See Page 6.**

I look forward to 2015 and thank all of you for the privilege of leading what I think is the "Best SAR Chapter in the Country"! **Happy New Year!**

*Respectfully, Robert Hancock*

## SALUTE TO VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY

On November 11th, Former National Society SAR President-General Edward Butler Sr. (2009-2010) participated in the Aue Elementary School (NISD) Veterans' Day Program. As the keynote speaker, Judge Butler led other veterans, active duty members and scouts on a parade through the entire school. With him were a fifer and a drummer from the Granaderos de Galvez wearing their Spanish Imperial Uniforms worn during the American Revolution. Students of each classroom lined the hallways sitting on the floor. Each was waiving a small American flag. PG Butler said "It so wonderful to see how veterans are respected today. I remember that during the Vietnam area, when in uniform, some people would spit on us." **Other Veterans Events:** President Hancock attended a veterans program in Castroville; Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Gerald Ball attended the re-dedication of the Boerne Veterans Park in Boerne following a \$500,000 upgrade. The keynote speaker was U. S. Representative Lamar Smith, District 21.



(Photo Above). President-General Edward F. Butler Sr was the featured speaker at the Aue elementary School's Veterans Day Program. Judge Butler was dressed in his Virginia Continental Line Revolutionary Period Uniform (standing 2nd from right). At the far left is Ms. Maricia Belvin-Gregory School Principal.

## GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING



At our November 19th Chapter Meeting, we were honored to have Compatriot Peter Baron as our Guest Speaker. As an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Officer with the San Antonio Fire Department, he spoke of the broad service mission of the Department serving the either community of Bexar County. He stated that "that every day the department responds to life-threatening events that requires the response of the Fire Department which frequently results in the saving of human lives." He noted that there were over 51 Fire Stations covering Bexar County and its \_\_ million residents.

Chief Deputy Carl Wedige (**shown at right**) accompanied Officer Baron to address more details about the challenges faced by the Fire Department. He specifically addressed

one area that is not fully understood by the public — arson investigation and the efforts taken to determine the cause of building fires. He stated that Inspector Justin Davis who was present at the meeting would address this matter further when he is presented the SAR Fire Safety Award. Officer Baron was selected as our SAR Emergency Medical Services Officer for 2014. (See Page 4)



## Father and Son Inducted into SAR

President Hancock inducted two more members into the Texas Society and our Chapter on November 19th. This was a father and son induction event. They were Henry A Garcia, Jr. and his son Gregory L. Garcia, who is a 27 year Department of the Air Force Civil Service Employee. He served in Iraq from January 6th to November 21, 2011. Although Gregory is working at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA he chose to be inducted in the Texas Society with his father and thus flew into San Antonio specifically for this Induction Ceremony.

Their patriot ancestor is Jose Antonio Curbelo who contributed to the American Revolution cause by donating and delivering cattle to Bernardo de Galvez' Army in Louisiana in support of the Galvez's Gulf Coast Campaigns against the British. Interestingly, Curbelo was a descendent of the Canary Islanders; he was born in May 1746 in San Antonio as recorded in the records of Mission of San Fernando. His father, Joseph Antonio Curbello, was listed as a cattleman and rancher in the petition of Cibolo Ranchers, October 5, 1778 (Spanish Archives of the General Land Office).

Henry Curbelo resides in San Antonio and is a member of the Canary Islands Descendent Association.



(Above) Shown above is President Hancock inducting Henry A. Garcia, Jr and his son Gregory L. Garcia into the Texas Society SAR. Looking on is Dorothy Perez who helped them with their research for their patriot ancestor Jose Antonio Curbelo who is a common patriot ancestor of Compatriot Rueben Perez.

## Member Inducted to NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps



Compatriot Gilbert Villerreal, a member SAR since May 2, 2014 has been Inducted to the President-General's Vietnam War Veterans

Corps for his service in the Navy. He was presented his Certificate by President Hancock at the November 19th Chapter Meeting.

Compatriot Villerreal enlisted on January 27, 1965 and served on the USS Hornet CVS 12 and made two WESPAC tours, serving off the coast of Vietnam. I later was transferred to the Inshore Underwater Warfare Group 1 Wes Pac. Det. He served in Camn Rahn Bay at Harbor Entrance Control Post (HECP) on what was called "the Hill". He was awarded the Navy/USCG Unit Commendation Ribbon Navy, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam

Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm).

## Two Chapter Members Have Passed On

**Compatriot Jerome (Jerry) Fulenwider**, a long-time member of the San Antonio Chapter passed away on December 1, 2014 following Hospice Care that started in March. He was a well-respected member of the chapter and a dear friend to many of us. His Memorial Resolution, which was written by Compatriot Peter Baron, is provided on **Page 10** of this Newsletter.

**Compatriot Richard W. Barham** had been a member of the San Antonio Chapter since his induction in 1997. Because he lived in Austin, he did not actively attend our monthly meetings or other events. With his death on March 7, 2014 and his impressive service to the country, his Obituary is provide on **Page 11**.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTED TO LOCAL OFFICERS

At the November Chapter Meeting President Hancock recognized two Public Safety Heroes. The first Award recipient was Compatriot Peter Baron receiving the SAR Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal.

Master Firefighter and Licensed Paramedic Peter T. Baron, Jr. started his career as an Emergency Medical Technician in Bryan/College Station, Texas in 1995. On October 5, 1998, he entered employment with the San Antonio Fire Department as a Firefighter moving through the ranks quickly. He moved to ambulance duty as an EMS Technician in June 2002.

Paramedics respond to all forms of emergencies. For example, calls for chest pain is a daily occurrence, CPR is a weekly occurrence, and gunshots wounds and heart attacks occur monthly. Compatriot Baron's certifications, additional duties, and leadership in the community are extensive, numerous, and truly impressive for a still young career.

The Citation to accompany the Award concluded "the singularly distinctive accomplishments, leadership skills, dedication to duty, and outstanding contributions in the area of Emergency Medical Service, fire fighting, fire safety, and emergency medical services, and outstanding and effective management of personnel and resources, reflect great credit upon Master Firefighter and Licensed Paramedic Peter Baron, the San Antonio Fire Department, and the City of San Antonio.



(Above) Shown above is President Hancock presenting the SAR EMS Commendation Medal to Paramedic Peter Baron. Looking on is Past Chapter President Frank Rohrbough



(Photo at Left) Our second Public Safety Award recipient was Investigator Justin Davis, San Antonio Arson Bureau. He and his dog were awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award. Inspector Davis has been with the San Antonio Fire Department for 21 years and with the Arson Division the past 15 years. Kai (Shown in Photo at Right) and Davis have been a team for four years. Kai is a six year old



female black Labrador retriever, an Accelerant Detection Canine with the San Antonio Fire Department. The never-ending energy, drive and tenacious quality of Kai make her an awesome working dog. An environment of heat, smoke, bright lights and sirens which would send most dogs running away only makes this K-9 smile with anticipation. With a single command of "seek", Kai begins her investigation (sniff) of the fire scene. Their normal duties include investigating fires and working K-9 Kai. They also attend events and do demonstrations, career days, visit schools and various other public events to support the Fire Departments mission of educating the public about the Arson Division and Fire Safety.

## JOINT SAR-DAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



**(Photo L to R Above)** Chapter Color Guard included Commander Frank Rohrbough with Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough, Jay Lewallen and Paul Reynolds.



The Joint Meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 6th at the San Antonio Country Club. Regent Sandra Barton was our hostess for the annual event and provided us with wonderful hospitality.

For the second year in a row, 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.

**(See Photo at Left)** 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.

The Choir was invited to participate in the 70th Anniversary of D-Day in June of this year.

For more, go to <http://texaschildrenschoir.org>



**(Photo at Left)** The Joint Meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 6th at the San Antonio Country Club. Seated at the Head Table are Past-President-General NSSAR Edward Butler, Chapter President Bob Hancock and Immediate-Past TXSSAR State President Stephen Rohrbough,. Also attending were their First Ladies Robin Butler, Lady Prissy Hancock and Lady Marie Rohrbough.

Others attending the Joint Meeting were Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and his wife Diane, Jay Lewallen and his wife Dianne, Harry Long and his friend Sandra Koppel and Compatriots Paul Reynolds, Joe Ware and Max Strozier.

## OFFICERS FOR 2015

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 17th Chapter Meeting for 2015:

**President:** Robert Hancock

**President-Elect:** Thomas Small

**Recording Secretary:** Paul Reynolds

**Corresponding Secretary:** Frank Rohrbough

**Sergeant at Arms:** Frank Rohrbough

**Treasurer:** Jim Massingill

**Registrar:** Peter Baron

**Historian:** William Clanton

**Chaplain:** James Taylor

**Genealogists:** James Taylor and Schuyler Crist

## CHAPTER AWARDS FOR 2014 OFFICERS

President Hancock noted in his "Message" on Page 1 the efforts that Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen undertook to make 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, and our Joint DAR/SAR Christmas Holiday Luncheon. All of these activities support SAR's goal to educate local students and the public about the history and events of the American Revolution.

At our Chapter Meeting on December 17th, President Hancock presented the newly authorized SAR Roger Sherman Medal to 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 and **have not previously received this Award.**

Other members were presented the TXSSAR Chapter Service Medal and Certificate or an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) if they had previously received the Medal. **For more details, see below and Page 7.**



**(Photo at Left)** President Hancock presented the new SAR Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate to Jay Lewallen. Others receiving the Award but not present were: John Orr, Edward C. Snyder III and Max Strozier. Other Chapter Members were presented this Award in December 2013 by President James Taylor as noted in the Chapter Newsletter for Nov-Dec 2013.

**(Photo Below and Left)** Shown from L to R are: Compatriots Bud Davenport (2OLC), Bob Brady (2 OLC), Bill Clanton (2OLC), George Harcourt (8 OLC) and President Hancock.

**(Photo Below)** Shown from L to R are: Compatriots Harry Long (6 OLC), Jim Massingill (6 OLC) and Frank Rohrbough (4 OLC). **More Awards on Page 7.**

President Hancock thanked all Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs for their valued services to the Chapter during the past year.



## Chapter Awards (Cont'd)



**(Photo at Right)** President Hancock also recognized Chapter members (left to right) Compatriots James Taylor (4 OLC), Joe Ware (5 OLC), Stephen Rohrbough (6 OLC) for their valued services to the Chapter during the year.

**(Photo at Left)** President Hancock expressed his appreciation to Compatriot Schuyler Crist (1

OLC) for his services to members throughout the year.



**(Photo Below)** Chairman Reynolds presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the following Compatriots: Stephen Rohrbough, George Harcourt, James Taylor, Bob Hancock, Bud Davenport and Jack Cowan. Not present were: Gerald Ball, Peter Baron, Jim Schellenberg and Lan Kelly.

## Certificates of Appreciation Presented for ROTC Award Presenters

Compatriot Paul Reynolds, Chairman of the ROTC Awards Committee, expressed his appreciation to those members who attended High School or University ROTC Awards Programs to present the SAR ROTC Medals and Certificate of Appreciation to deserving ROTC students. Thirty ROTC Students were selected for this Award by their Professors of Military Science. Altogether, 33 of 39 schools participated in the Program this year with 32 students receiving our SAR ROTC Medals and Certificates from 9 of our Chapter Members. **(See Photo at Right)**



## Two New Members Inducted

On December 17th during our Chapter Meeting, President Hancock had the pleasure of inducting two new members to SAR and the San Antonio Chapter. **(Photo at Right)** At far right is Compatriot (Jack) Haygood Gulley, an attorney, whose Patriot Ancestor was Robert Ware, who served in the Georgia Militia.

In his U.S. Army Dress Uniform is Major Ian J. Townsend, whose Patriot Ancestor was Epaphras Sage, 23rd Connecticut Militia Regiment which fought in the Battles of Saratoga in Sep-Oct 1777. Looking on is Genealogist James Taylor.



## CHAPTER PRESENTS HISTORICAL PROGRAM AT FRANK TEJEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Compatriot Jay Lewallen worked with history teacher, Mr. Eric James, at Tejeda Middle School for us to make a three 45 minute presentations during a 3 day period from December 5 to 7th to 400 8th grade students focusing on our Patriot Ancestors' experiences during the American Revolution. **(Photo at Right)** The presentations were made by Compatriots Jay Lewallen, Fred Soupiset, (President) Bob Hancock and Frank Rohrbough covering the goals of the National Society SAR, the role of our Patriot Ancestors, their life styles,



their battles, their weapons and accoutrements and Militia (dressed in hunting frocks) and a Virginia Continental Line Uniforms. Shown in a blue shirt is History Teacher Mr. Eric James.

**(Photo at Left)** On the last day, we presented the school Principal John Bojeskul with an SAR Flag Certificate for the flying of the National Colors in front of their school.

Finally, we will be invited, once again, to participate in the Annual Tejeda History Faire in the first week of April 2015. All members are encouraged to attend this annual event and speak to the students about their patriot ancestor and what they did in service or support of the American Revolution.



## GUEST SPEAKER SPEAKS ON "CAMP FOLLOWERS OF THE REVOLUTION"

Our guest speaker for our Chapter Meeting on December 17th was Diane Rohrbough, wife of Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, who spoke on the "Camp Followers of the American Revolution". Her well-researched presentation has been given to local elementary school students in the San Antonio area and at Double Eagle Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Lady Diane" explained the social classes of women and their status in society. She spoke about why women and children would leave their home to be with their husband or father during the war. Because of the hardship of remaining behind without any means of support, many families became camp followers as a means of their survival. In the camp, they could care for the needs of the soldier by doing work around the camp, preparing meals, washing and mending clothes, foraging for food and caring for the wounded in order to earn their daily ration of food and secure their safety.

For her presentation President Hancock presented her a Certificate of Appreciation and a must-read book "Washington — A Life" by Ron Chernow.



## SPECIAL AWARDS FOR WARTIME MILITARY SERVICE

President Hancock recognized two members for their wartime military service at the December 17th Chapter Meeting. **(Photo at Right)** Compatriot (Lt Colonel) Thomas Small received the National Society SAR War Service Medal (with Global War on Terrorism Campaign Bar) and Certificate for his service in the US Central Command Combined Air Operations Center in Qatar from June 2004 to June 2005.



Tom is currently assigned to US Army South at Ft. Sam Houston, TX where he serves as the Chief of Operational Exercises.



**(Photo at Left)** Compatriot Bud Davenport was presented the War Service Medal for his service in Vietnam during the period May 31, 1967 to March 29, 1968. While there he served as a Forward Air Controller at Ben Tre and the ALO/FAC Staff Officer at 7th Air Force. He received the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. His other decorations include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Air Medal w/12 OLC, Joint Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and The Gallantry Cross w/Bronze Star.

## 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 15th and February 12th.)

**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 21st and February 18th, respectively)

### Special Events:

- **Operation Ancestry Research:** Next Training Sessions on Mondays on January 12th and 26th, at

the Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; Session starts at 1 P.M. (**All Members are invited to participate.**)

- **Remove Christmas Decorations at the VA Medical Center:** Friday, **January 2, 2015** at 9:00 to 11:00 AM (**Member are Needed to Help Remove Decorations in VAVS Office and Recreation Center**)
- **George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX:** Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:00 AM (Mail in Participants Release Form NLT Jan

7<sup>th</sup>). For more details, contact, Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at [frankr@gvtc.com](mailto:frankr@gvtc.com).

**For more information about what your Chapter is doing, go to our Chapter Webpage at:**

**[www.sarsat.org](http://www.sarsat.org)**

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR COMPATRIOT JEROME (JERRY) FULENWIDER

**WHEREAS**, The hand of death on 1 November 2014 entered our ranks and removed from our midst, COMPATRIOT JERRY FULENWIDER our venerable and esteemed brother in arms, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER was born on 29 April 1931 in Uvalde, Uvalde County, Texas. He was the son of Leslie Fulenwider and Dorothy Piper, whose ancestors were influential in the founding of the American Colonies. During much of his lifetime COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER served as a pharmacist, medical researcher, and medical advocate. At the time of his death he resided in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. A memorial service was held for him on 8 November 2014 at St. George Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, following which, his earthly remains were placed at eternal rest through cremation, and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the proven patriot service during the Revolutionary War of his ancestor JOHN FULENWIDER who served in the North Carolina Militia, fighting at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill and at the Battle of Kings Mountain, and preformed Patriotic Service by rendering supplies to the Army, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER successfully proved his direct lineage from the above Patriot, and was admitted to membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution on 1 November 1993 as member number 141593 and simultaneously was granted membership in the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, member number 7255, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER was an active member of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and during that time served continually on the Executive Committee as the Publicity Chairman, and participated in the activities of the chapter, he was recognized with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal, the TXSSAR Bronze Service Medal, the Outstanding Citizenship Award and as the joyful greeter at all Chapter Meetings, thereby contributing to the chapter's continued success, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER was a man of God, and served our Lord as a Vestryman and a Lay Minister at St. George Episcopal Church, San Antonio, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER graduated from Uvalde High School, Class of 1948, and the University of Texas, Class of 1952, and served as a Pharmacist for the community of Uvalde. In 1954 he moved to Houston and worked for Abbott Laboratories in medical research. He retired in 1991 after having been District Manager, and

**WHEREAS**, COMPATRIOT FULENWIDER left surviving him his loving and devoted family: daughter Lisa Fulenwider, son Adam Fulenwider, brother Ralph Fulenwider, and sister Phyllis McNeilly to whom we express our deepest sympathy on their respective loss, and

**WHEREAS**, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution as follows:

**FIRST:** 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.

**SECOND:** 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.

**THIRD:** 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. The Resolution will also be read to chapter members attending a regular monthly meeting and will be displayed on the chapter Internet web page. The Resolution may also be submitted to the Texas Society for publication in a future edition of The Texas Patriot, it's magazine.

**FOURTH:** 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.

**FIFTH:** 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 COMPATRIOT ---- FULENWIDER.

THIS MEMORIAL RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AT ITS MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS  
THIS THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014.

## OBITUARY FOR COMPATRIOT RICHARD WENDALL BARHAM

Compatriot Richard Barham was inducted into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on December 19, 1997 and had been a member of the San Antonio Chapter. Because he lived in Austin, he did not actively attend our monthly meetings or other events. However, when his son Richard W. Barham Jr. notified me of his father's death on December 17, 2014, he provided the Obituary below. Because of Compatriot Barham's impressive service to our country, it seemed appropriate to include this Obituary in this Newsletter. His son approved of this course of action and thought his father would be honored to have it included in our Chapter Newsletter.

### Richard Wendell Barham

April 29, 1923 – March 7, 2014

Richard Wendell Barham died on March 7. He was born April 29, 1923 in Toccoa, Georgia to Wendell Stacy Barham and Lona Switzer. Shortly after Richard's birth they returned to their home in Dallas, Texas. After completing high school in Dallas and with World War II looming, Richard volunteered for the US Army Air Corp and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in September 1942. He was then sent to an air base in British Guiana where on his first day of duty he met his bride-to-be Elaine Vieira. They came to the US on a troop ship in June 1944.

After the war, Richard enrolled at Rice University and later transferred to the University of Texas at Austin and graduated in 1949 with high honors. He then earned a Master's degree from the University of Michigan. Richard developed an interest in political science and began a PhD at Columbia University but the start of his professional career intervened. He returned to his PhD research 30 years later and earned his doctorate in political science from Columbia in 1982.

In 1951 he passed the stringent examination process to become a US Foreign Service Officer and underwent training in Washington, D.C. His first diplomatic assignment was with the US Embassy in Oslo, Norway. From there the Foreign Service moved Richard and Elaine with their young family to the British colony of Cyprus which was in the throes of a violent revolt of ethnic Greeks against the governing British. The next assignments were in Washington and New York for special training before taking up a five-year post in Athens, Greece. The Department of State in Washington, D.C. was his final Foreign Service post.

Richard's fluency in Greek and knowledge of the country led to several special assignments. He served as escort officer and interpreter for Vice President Lyndon Johnson and a number of cabinet officers and members of Congress. In 1964 he was chosen as State Department escort for President Johnson's wedding of King Constantine of Greece and Princess Anna Marie of Denmark. Richard was awarded the Royal Order of the Phoenix by the Kingdom of Greece. In 1966 Richard left the Foreign Service to take a position in Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (later Exxon Corporation) as advisor on international affairs. For 19 years he covered, at different times, corporate relations with governments in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Far East and Australia. He also dealt with the US Government and international organizations including the United Nations.

On retirement from the Exxon Corporation in 1985, Richard and Elaine settled in Austin where he taught occasionally as a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas. Richard was an avid follower of Texas Longhorn football and a benefactor of the University of Texas.

**Family history became a passion and he took great pride in his membership of the Sons of the American Revolution.**

Richard is survived by his wife Elaine, three sisters, five children, eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.