



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot David Brooks, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: On the afternoon of Sunday, July 3rd we conducted our **“Independence Day Celebration”** at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort. This was our 5th year to make

this presentation to over 100 Hotel Guests. Our Program was very well-received. We had 19 members (9 in revolutionary uniforms or period clothing) participate in the various activities to include: a Flag Presentation, Show and Tell Table Demonstrations, Talks on “What is SAR” and “Why Do We Celebrate Independence Day”, the Firing of Muskets, a Bell Ringing Salute to the Original Colonies and the Telling of a Patriot Story. For our presentation, the Hyatt Staff gave us a \$500 donation to fund our Knight Essay Contest — a very welcomed gift. The Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort has agreed to be our Sponsor of the Essay Contest for 2017. For more details and photos, go to **Pages 2-3.**

The next day, myself and four members participated in the **“32nd Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony”** at the San Antonio National Cemetery. This program is presented each year by the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez and included many of the local Patriotic, Historical, and Military organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Memorial Services Detachment Honor Guard at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The Keynote Speaker of the event was our own Compatriot, Past President General, Edward F. Butler, Sr., for photos, go to **Page 4.**

I attended the **Battle of Medina Memorial Event** on August 20th. Past Texas Society President Tom Green was the moderator and introduced the speakers, some of which were from Sam Houston State University, Texas State University and Texas A&M University San Antonio. All of the presentations were well received and provided the History of the period that created the First Texas Republic and its demise at the disastrous 1813 Battle of Medina in Atascosa County.

Remember, we will resume our monthly chapter meetings on **September 21st at the Petroleum Club.** Remember to make your reservations by Noon Monday the 19th, if you are not on the Standing Reservations List, with our Treasurer Dustin Whittenburg at reservations@sarsat.org. The speaker for this meeting will be **Dr. Allen Hamilton**, History Professor at St. Phillips College; his talk will be on the Battle of Trenton. At this same meeting, Compatriot **James P. Hudson, Sr.** will be presenting to the chapter an original period Colonial British Officers Sword to be used in our education programs. Additionally, keep in touch, because we have some interesting historical presentations scheduled for the coming months.

Finally, we mourn the passing of our Former Chapter President (1988-1990), **Col. Harry C. Long** on August 13, 2016. We are grateful for his many contributions to our Chapter and the Texas Society of SAR as District Vice-President (1997-1998). For his service to The Sons of the American Revolution, he was awarded the highest individual SAR Medal - The Patriot Medal - in 1992. More information on his life and service is provided in The Proclamation Honoring Compatriot Long which is provided on **Page 5.**

Hope you had an enjoyable summer that included some travel for sightseeing, visiting friends or family, or just staying home and taking it easy. I look forward to seeing you at our next **Chapter Meeting at 11:30 AM on September 21th at the Petroleum Club.**

Respectfully, *David Brooks*

CHAPTER'S GALA BANQUET

The Chapter's Gala Banquet will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Petroleum Club at 6:00 P.M. Our Keynote Speaker will be Former NSSAR President-General Tom Lawrence (July 2015-July 2016).

Our primary purpose 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.

A Chapter News Release will be sent calling for Reservations!

Save the Date!

**San Antonio SAR
Chapter GALA**

**Saturday
January 21, 2017
6:00 PM**

CHAPTER CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY RESORT



This year we celebrated the 240th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence from England. For the sixth time, our chapter was invited by Ms. Nicole Gravelle, Marketing 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. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Past President (2007-2008) served as the Master of Ceremonies.

(Photo at Left) Chapter President David Brooks opened the Program welcoming the guest and explaining what "SAR" is and does. Fourteen other chapter members participated in the afternoon event. They included Former President-General (2009-2010) Edward Butler, Bob Hancock, Stephen Rohrbough (Vice-President-General for NSSAR's South Central District), Compatriots Paul Reynolds, Henry Garcia, James Taylor, Fred Soupiset, Peter Baron and his young son Campbell, Bud Davenport, Larry Loop, Roy Leonard, Ed Snyder and Patrick Howard.

The National Colors and SAR Flags were presented by Acting Color Commander Peter Baron, Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough, Fred Soupiset and Jay Lewallen.

(Photo Far Right) P-G Butler gave an wonderful overview on "Why We Celebrate Independence Day". He noted that as British subjects, the British Parliament had placed heavy taxes of them and increasingly denied them the freedoms they expected and self-rule they wanted.



(Photo at Left) Compatriot Peter Baron told the audience the evolution of the Patriot Uniforms during the Revolution starting with the Minutemen of Massachusetts and Mountain Men of Virginia and the Carolinas to the Regimental Uniforms that were approved by the Continentals Congress in 1778. Seen from left to right in early militia uniforms are Compatriots Hancock, Stephen Rohrbough and Fred Soupiset. In a Pastor's Attire at far right is Compatriot Paul Reynolds and in a Officers First Virginia

Regimental Continental Line Uniform (second from far left) is Compatriot Frank Rohrbough.

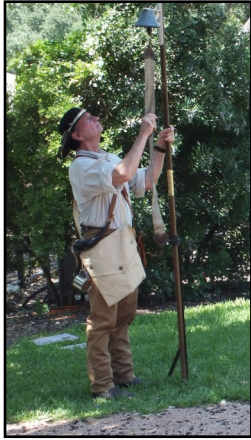
(Shown at Far Right) Compatriot Baron continued his remarks by describing the Campaign Flags of the Revolution. Compatriot Baron shows the King's Colors that was the Flag of King George III. He went on to describe the Continental Colors (or Grand Union Flag) that was flown at General Washington's Headquarter during the Siege of Boston in September 1775 to April 1776. Other Campaign Flags were on display for our visitors to see and seek more information.

(Shown at Bottom Right) Compatriot Baron provided an overview of the guns used by Foot Soldiers in the Militia and the Continental Line Army during the Revolution, notably the 75 caliber flintlock musket and a 50 caliber flintlock rifle. He noted that a well-seasoned soldier could load and fire a musket three times in one minute and that the musket was not very accurate beyond 50 yards. In battle, muskets were fired in volleys in succession at the enemy standing in formation over 50 yards away. Comparatively, a rifleman could load and fire only once every 90 seconds. However, Compatriot Baron conceded that the rifle is a more accurate weapon used for targets up to 250 yards away. Compatriot Baron described the firing positions of soldiers — shoulder to shoulder of soldiers and standing 3 rows deep — when engaging the enemy on the field of battle. Following several volleys, the command was given to fix bayonets and advance against the enemy.

At far left, Compatriot Baron gives instructions on firing the musket to a young recruit from the hotel.



HYATT REGENCY RESORT (CONT'D)



(Photo at Left) The Ringing of the Bell Ceremony was the highlight of the Event. As Compatriot Frank Rohrbough announced each of the 13 original Colonies in the order in which each Colony was established, Compatriot Fred Soupiset rang the Bell to call attention to the founding of the Colony.

Virginia was the first Colony to be founded in 1607 with the settlement of Jamestown on the banks of the James River just west of the Chesapeake Bay. Other Colonies were founded over the next 125 years along the eastern seaboard of North America. Georgia was the last of the Colonies to be founded in 1732 which was located along the southern end of the Atlantic Coast bordering on the Spanish Territory of Florida.

COMPATRIOT JAMES TAYLOR'S PATRIOT ANCESTOR STORY

To help the guest better understand our

member's connection to the Revolution, **Compatriot James Taylor** spoke of his Patriot Ancestor Lt Jonathan Farrar, Commander of the Concord Militia for the Defense of the North and South Bridge on April 19, 1775 when the Redcoats marched on the Village Green at Lexington, MA. Compatriot Taylor's remarks addressed the initial confrontation on Lexington Common between 77 militiamen and nearly ten times that number of British Regulars which resulted in the death of eight Lexington Minutemen. **(See Photo Below)**

The Redcoats moved on to Concord to roundup the Stockpile of weapons and gun powder thought to be stored in the local Armory. When they got there, several thousand farmer-soldiers were assembled at the South Bridge and already knew of the bloodshed at Lexington. With their nerves steeled, the Americans drove the Redcoats out of Concord and back to Boston and placed the city under siege. The Revolution had begun!

(Photo Below) Compatriot Ed Snyder, with his sons Edward (age 12 at left) and Patrick (age 10 at right) manned the "Coloring Book" Demonstration Table. This Table provided a learning station where children among the hotel guests could color various pictures of Patriots, Campaign Flags, artifacts and activities of the American Revolution.



(Photo at Bottom Right) Compatriot Jay Lewallen explains his Frontiersman clothing that was worn by his Patriot Ancestor from Tennessee. He spoke of his Patriot's Rifle and how effective it was when used during the Battle at King's Mountain.



(Photo at Right) Compatriot Henry Johnston American Revolution beginning Continental Colors (1775) that in Cambridge, MA during the



discusses the various Flags of the with the Grand Union Flag or was flown at General Washington's HQ Siege of Boston July 1775 to April 1776.

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT AT SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL CEMETERY



On the morning of July 4th, our Chapter joined the Granaderos Y Dames de Galvez at San Antonio National Cemetery to pay tribute to veterans who served our great country and have been laid to rest. **(Photo at Left)** Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough (left), Larry Loop (center) and Frank Rohrbough (right) presented the Chapter's Wreath.



(Photo at Top Right) Five Chapter Members participated with other Patriotic Organizations during the Wreath Laying Procession. Shown from Left to Right are four of our members including Former President-General Edward Butler who was the Event's Featured Speaker, Vice President-General South Central District Stephen Rohrbough, Color Guard Commander SCD Frank Rohrbough and Chapter President-Elect Larry Loop.

(Photo at Far Right) Our 5th member attending the event was Chapter President David Brooks who closed the event giving the Event's Benediction.



NSSAR SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING



(Photo at Left) Former Chapter President and Texas Society SAR President, Stephen Rohrbough (shown at left) finished out his term of service as Vice President General of the South Central District (SCD) for the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas during the 126th Annual Congress of the National Society in Boston, MA, July 9 - 13, 2016.

Twin brother Frank Rohrbough served as the SCD Color Guard Commander for three of the SCD Meetings when meetings were held in Dallas, TX (August 2014), Little Rock, AR (2015) and Overland Park, KS (2016).

(Photo at Right)

Commander Rohrbough

relinquished his Command at the Banquet of Friday night. Compatriot Corey Burns, President of Arkansas Society accepted Command from VPG Les Magee.

Texas members were well represented during the SCD Meeting held in Overland Park, KS on August 26-27, 2016 including the current Texas SAR President Michael Radcliff, Immediate Past Texas SAR President Larry Stevens and several of the Texas SAR Officers to include John Beard (Texas SAR President-Elect) and Tom Jackson (Staff Secretary).

Other NSSAR Officers attending the Meeting included: President-General Mike Tomme, Secretary General Larry Guzy (Candidate for President-General), Treasurer-General Warren Alter (Candidate for Secretary-General), Member SAR Foundation Board Rick Hollis (Candidate for Registrar-General), Chancellor-General Davis Wright, Esq., Librarian-General Bruce Pickette (Candidate for Registrar-General). All were there to seek indorsement from the SCD for advancement to higher Offices when the Election of Officers take place at the 127th Annual Congress next year.



**PROCLAMATION RESPECTING
COMPATRIOT COLONEL HARRY LONG, USAF (RET)**

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT LONG, by virtue of the proven patriot service during the Revolutionary War of his ancestor Captain George Lohr, Pennsylvania Militia, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT LONG successfully proved his direct lineage from the above patriot, and was admitted to membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution on March 15, 1984 as member number 123612 and simultaneously was granted membership in the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, member number 5140, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT LONG has been an active and loyal member of the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution during these past 32 years. During this period Compatriot Long has continuously participated in the activities of the chapter, to include serving a 2-year term as Chapter President from March 1988 to March 1990, which greatly contributed to the chapter's success. Compatriot Long's service to SAR has been recognized by his having received the Patriot Medal, the highest Award for Individual Service to the Texas Society, in 1992. He has received many other SAR Awards to include the War Service Medal (World War II, Korea and Vietnam), Meritorious Service Medal, Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Texas SAR Bronze Service Medal (for Chapter Service) and Texas Centennial Medal, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT LONG was born 11 February 1924 and educated in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania Public Schools, graduating from Johnstown High School in 1941. On 4 December 1942 he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Corps and graduated on 4 August 1944 (Class 44-G) at Blytheville AAF, Arkansas where he received his wings and was appointed a Flight Officer. In February 1945, he was assigned to the European Theater of Operations and flew 10 missions as a pilot in a Troop Carrier Group. He remained in Europe flying support missions after WWII until June 1946. He returned home and attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in June 1949, and

WHEREAS, COMPATRIOT LONG was recalled to active duty in March 1951 as a 2nd Lt. with the United States Air Force to perform duty during the Korean War. While on this tour of duty he decided to become a career officer and subsequently performed duties as an administrative officer, personnel officer, training and operations officer, nuclear weapons officer, instructor, and as a logistician. In 1964 he earned a Master's Degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Logistics Management and in 1970 he graduated from the Air War College. During his military service he was stationed overseas in England, France, Germany and Vietnam. His stateside service was in New York, Colorado, Florida, Ohio, South Dakota and Texas. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1970 and after completing over thirty-two years of service retired from active service in June 1975. Since his retirement he has resided in San Antonio, Texas, and

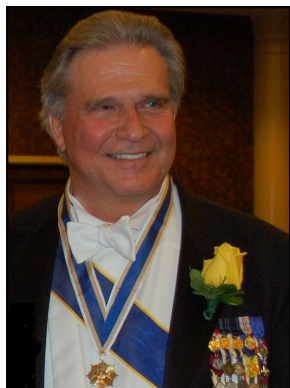
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution that Chapter's leadership seeks to EXTEND OUR SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO HONOR COMPATRIOT HARRY C. LONG for his loyalty, long-serving and outstanding service to this chapter and the community of San Antonio, Texas.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AT A SPECIAL MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.

DAVID C. BROOKS, Ed. D
President, San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

NSSAR CELEBRATES 126TH NATIONAL CONGRESS



The National Society celebrated its 126th Congress in Boston, MA. Texas Compatriot and Past Texas Society President Thomas Lawrence completed his term of service as the President-General during the Congress Banquet. PG Lawrence has provided the staff and Board of Trustees valued leadership and direction this past year that will reap great results in the years to come.

More specifically, he bid farewell stating: **First Lady Mickey Jo and I have enjoyed our year. We are sorry to see it end but we are grateful for having the opportunity to serve. It is truly an honor to serve as President General of the SAR.**

He provided further remarks that deserve passing on to members of NSSAR:

1) I talked about **Youth Programs** everywhere I went this year as I feel we can best perpetuate the legacy of our founding fathers by teaching our youth with their vision. We have laid a good foundation to increase our youth activities in the future and I am pleased with the efforts of our chapters and state societies to improve our youth participation. But more can and should be done. We had 11 state societies who did not have a single contestant in any of our 8 youth programs so that is a good place to start next year.

2) We have done a remarkable job raising money the past 5 or 6 years without using a professional staff. **Now we have decided to move forward and construct an education center on the main floor of our HQ building.** It may be time to hire a development director to help us raise the money for the museum/education center.

3) There was an article in the Wall Street Journal today that cited a study by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a nonprofit group that advocates for accountability in schools. The study found that just 23 of the 76 "best" colleges as compiled by the US News and World Reports, require history majors to take a U.S. history course. At the University of Texas, I am sad to report, the study says a student can partially fulfill their U.S. history requirement by taking a course called "Jews in American Entertainment". An interesting course no doubt, but it tells us that not only middle schools and high schools but now colleges, are not emphasizing the teaching of a critical and formative period in our history. **How can we expect our children to understand the sacrifices our founding fathers and mothers made and why they made them unless they are exposed to their history?** I would hope that the SAR will adopt this as a long term project as **I think it goes directly to our mission and reason for existing as an organization.**

Thank you again for electing me as President General and thank you for all of your hard work this year.

"When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty." ~ Thomas Jefferson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Chapter Executive Committee Meetings: Egg & I Restaurant located at 9985 IH-10W (Colonnade) on Spectrum One Street, 3rd Thursday this month (Sep 15th) at 11:30 A.M.

Operation Ancestry Research: September 13th (Tuesday) and **19th** (Monday); Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; Session starts at 1:00 P.M. (All Members are invited to participate.) (Peter Baron)

September General Membership Meeting: September 21, 2016; The Petroleum Club (7th Floor) San Antonio, TX at 6:00 P.M.
Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting: The next BOM Meeting will be held on **October 14-16, 2016** at the Holiday Inn Mid-Town, Austin TX (Register On-Line at http://txssar.org/reg_oct16.htm)
Texas Genealogists Hall of Fame Meeting and Banquet: October 21-23, 2016, El Tropicana Hotel.

For More go to:

www.texasgenealogicalcollege.com

Annual Chapter Gala, Saturday, January 21, 2017, Petroleum Club (7th Floor), 6:00 PM.

For more information about SAR and our activities, go to **SASAR Chapter Website:**

<http://www.sarsat.org>