



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Since my installation as President of the Chapter, we have been on a fast track following our Gala Banquet in January. Several of our Chapter leaders attended the Annual Texas Society SAR Conference that was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson TX (North Dallas) on April 5 to 8, 2018. Because of our efforts in 2017, our Chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter of the Year (Large Chapter Category) for the Texas SAR. Our Chapter received other awards. Texas State President John Beard also recognized several of our members with special SAR Awards. **(Pages 3)**

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To kick off "Fiesta San Antonio", Compatriot Jay Lewallen and his Lady Diane, once again, sponsored a table for our Color Guard to attend the 100th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball (aka Pioneer Ball) on Saturday, April 23rd at the Villita Assembly Hall. Our Color Guard opened the Ball with the posting of National and State Colors. The highlight of this event is the Visit by King Antonio to extend his personal greetings of "Viva Fiesta". This is one of the premiere events for "Opening Fiesta Celebrations". On Monday, April 25th, nine of our Compatriots participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo to honor the 180 Texians, several of them having served in the American Revolution, who fell at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. **(Page 5)**

Our Color Guard also participated in the Naturalization Ceremony on April 26th at Ft Sam Houston. Past President James Taylor gave remarks at this event noting his Patriot Ancestors service at the Battle at Concord, Massachusetts which kicked off the American Revolution. **(Page 6)**

Hardy Oaks Elementary School participated in our Annual Poster Contest submitting 44 posters. The Poster Winners and the Teacher coordinating the Contest are noted on **Page 7**.

We have received over 16 referrals of prospective members from our State Registrar since the first of the year. Compatriots Peter Baron (Registrar) and Chaplain Rev. James Taylor (Genealogist) are each working on over 20 new applications in addition to these new inquiries from our State organization. We are looking for new ways members can help relieve their workload so new applicants can jump-start their applications before turning them over to Peter and Rev. Taylor.

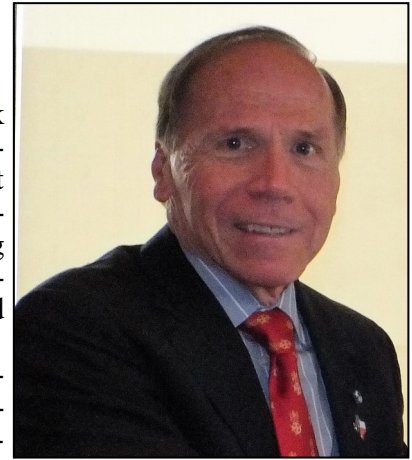
During our April Meeting we celebrated on Chapter's 87th Birthday with 9 of our Past Presidents joining President Leonard. **(Page 4)**. As in years past, we joined many patriotic organizations in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo and the Annual Pioneer Ball. **(Page 5)**.

Under the able leadership of Compatriot Paul Reynolds, our members are in the process of awarding SAR medals to outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC students in 43 area high schools and 3 universities. I greatly appreciate all members who are attending these ROTC Awards Programs that made our SAR Awards more meaningful to the Award-Winning Cadets.

Remember, we have changed locations for our Executive Committee (Business Meeting) to Denny's Restaurant located on Blanco just south of Loop 410. Except for July and August, we meet on the second Thursday of each month. You are welcome to attend these monthly planning sessions. We will continue conducting our Chapter Meetings at the Petroleum Club on the third Wednesday of the month, with a summer recess in July and August.

With Memorial Day and Independence Day Events coming up, we will be equally busy seeking the participation by many of our compatriots. I know you will be up to the challenge.

Compatriotly, *Roy Leonard*



CHAPTER RECEIVES AWARDS AT TEXAS SAR ANNUAL MEETING

President Roy Leonard noted at the April Chapter Meeting that the 200 plus members of our Chapter can be very proud of what we have achieved in service to the our community. Because of the sustained work of chapter members under the leadership of Past President Larry Loop during his term of service 2017, the Chapter received the Awards shown below at the Texas Society Annual Meeting held April 5th to 8th, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson, TX. These Awards speak well of our chapter fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Texas Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Chapter Awards for Service to SAR

- **Texas SAR Outstanding Chapter Award for Chapters—Gp. 4 (100+ Members)**
San Antonio Chapter #4, District #3
- **Texas SAR Flag Presentation Awards:** Given to Chapters having recognized an Individual, Company, or Organization for the proper display, maintenance, and care for flying the Flag of the United States during the past year. White Star presented as a Repeat Winner from last year.
- **The Ross Shipman Awards:** Selected by the Newsletter Committee. Best Newsletters published during the past year. San Antonio Chapter #4, 1st Place (Newsletters of 5 or more sheets).
- **Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Awards:** Awarded annually to each Chapter that has total contributions that exceed the total of the previous year. San Antonio Chapter
- **The Marshall Hunter Award:** Sponsored by the Capt. Wm. Barron Chapter and presented in two categories, based on the chapter membership at the end of the Texas SAR year for the highest percentage of members attending their regular meetings. Group #2 100+ Members (25 percent)
- **The James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest Award:** This contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Texas School Fifth (5th) Grade Curriculum. San Antonio Chapter #4 Nicholas Novell
- **he Texas SAR Outstanding Public Service Awards:** Awarded to Chapters that give all 4 Public Service Awards during the year.

Individual Awards for Service to Texas SAR

- **Silver Texas Society Service Medal**
Frank Rohrbough (Serving as Chairman of the Veterans Committee)

COMPATRIOT EDWARD F. BUTLER RECIEVES TEXAS DAR NSDAR AWARD

Our own Chapter Member Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. was awarded the DAR Medal of Honor on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Awards Banquet of the Texas Society DAR State Conference that was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio, TX. He was approved by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution after being nominated by the San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter. The Medal of Honor is the most prestigious award given by DAR and is presented to a United States citizen who has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. Judge Butler was selected for the Award due to his many contributions to his community, state, and country. He has successfully organized various lineage organizations and he has held leadership positions in numerous lineage societies, veterans support organizations, civic, fraternal and legal associations.

Judge Edward F. Butler, a retired federal Judge, is a distinguished native of Memphis, TN, where he practiced law from 1961 through 1991. After his admission to the Texas Bar in 1972, he continued his faithful pursuit of justice for another 37 years. Judge Butler is a veteran and served in both the United States Air Force Reserve and the United States Navy Reserve. He retired as a Navy Reserve Commander with 35 years of military service. Most notably, Judge Butler served as President General, NSSAR from July 2008 to July 2009.



GUEST SPEAKER AT MARCH CHAPTER MEETING



White, US Marine Corps (Retired), who spoke on the Founding of the Marines and their involvement during the American Revolution.

He stated that the first Marines were enlisted into the Corps at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia is regarded as the traditional birth place of the United States Marine Corps by a resolution of the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. They are the direct descendants of the British Marines who were founded in 1664. The Marines mostly served on Naval ships conducting boarding operations, protecting the Ships Officers, engaging in amphibious assaults and land engagements, such as the Battle of Trenton in 1776. Following the Revolution, the Marines were disbanded in 1783. The Marines were re-established in 1798 and deployed in support of the Barbary Pirates War (1801-1815) when President Jefferson refused to pay extortion money for protection of American ships sailing in the Mediterranean Sea. He outlined other operations in the War of 1812 and The Mexican War (1846—1848).

Our Guest Speaker at our Chapter Meeting on March 21, 2018 was Colonel Tony

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At the March 21st Chapter Meeting, President Roy Leonard inducted 6 new members into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. Shown from left to right and top to bottom with their Patriot Ancestors name in parenthesis are: Brian Johnson Lavezzari and his son Benjamin Joseph Lavezzari (Josiah Lewis), Kenneth McAnear (John Gorin), Christopher Petty (Tigual Jones), Samuel Christopher Smith (Robert Catlett), and Patrick Robert McCloskey (John Hamilton).

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McAnear's Patriot Story: Compatriot Kenneth McAnear offered his Patriot Ancestor Story. His Patriot is John Gorin. When applying for his Revolutionary War Pension, he stated in his Declaration in September 1832 that he was a resident of Barren County of the State of Kentucky, and was 69 years old. It reads in part: "That he was born & raised in the County of Fairfax, state of Virginia, near Alexandria, & in the year 1777 volunteered as a Soldier under Captain Thomas Pollard & Lieutenant William D. Neale in the Virginia Militia, & was attached to Cols Rumsey & Gilpins Regiment, & marched to Pennsylvania, & there was attached to Gen'l. Charles Scotts Brigade, under his excellency Gen'l George Washington, & was at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] ... & He was present ... at Pigeon Hill, and shortly afterwards he assisted in dislodging the Hessians at the Schuylkill Bridge near Philadelphia. He marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], thence moved on to Yorktown; was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis & his Army [19 Oct 1781]. He was then discharged."

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL CHAPTER MEETING



Our Guest Speaker at our April 18th Chapter Meeting was Mr. Tim Draves, Chairman, Bexar County Historical Commission, "Power Source - Oxen on the Move in the Continental Army". An oxcart driver at Colonial Williamsburg for five years, Darin Tschopp said "During the colonial period, oxen were critical. They provided the power for big, heavy jobs. They were the trucks, tractors, and bulldozers of their time. During the Revolutionary War, oxen hauled supplies; they were links in the Continental Army's logistical network. In September 1781, Williamsburg citizens saw what was probably the largest assemblage of cattle in the town's history when George Washington's supply column passed through on its way to the Battle of Yorktown." Oxen remained the main beasts of burden until late in the nineteenth century, when horses and mules replaced them.



PRESIDENT INDUCTS MORE MEMBERS



At the April 18th Chapter Meeting, President Roy Leonard inducted 3 more members into the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society SAR. **(Photo at Left)** Shown from left to right are: President Leonard, Ernest Lee Kerr (Robert Kerr), Christopher Lee Janek (Joseph Conner) and Jason Hunter Green (John Green). Their Patriot Ancestor is noted in parenthesis. With these inductions, we have added 16 new members since January which brings our Active Membership to a total 215 as of May 4, 2018.

CHAPTER CELEBRATES 87TH BIRTHDAY



On April 18th, our Chapter celebrated its 87th Birthday. President Leonard led the celebration noting that our chapter has been quite active as stated in his President's Remarks on Page 1. Some of the Past Presidents present are still actively contributing to the Chapters' success since its founding on April 19, 1930. Their names and term of service is noted in

parenthesis after their name.

Shown from left to right are: Former Vice President General South Central District and Past Texas Society State President Stephen Rohrbough (Mar 1998 - Mar 2000), Dave Brooks (Apr 2016 - Jan 2017), Roy Leonard (Current President), Larry Loop (Jan 2017 - Jan 2018), George Harcourt (Apr 2005 - Dec 2005), Former President-General Edward Butler (Mar 2002 - Mar 2004), Bob Hancock (Jan 2014 - Jan 2016), Peter Baron (Jan 2010 — Jan 2011), Joe Ware (Mar 1993 - Mar 1995) and James Taylor (Jan 2011 - Jan 2013). Others Former Presidents not shown who remain active as members of the Executive Committee or participating in Chapter Events throughout the year include Jimmie Massingill (2001 - 2002) and Frank Rohrbough (Jan 2007 - 2008).

CHAPTER MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN 100TH PIONEER BALL

(Photo at Right) Once again, Compatriot Jay Lewallen and Lady Diane, longstanding Members of the State Association of Texas Pioneers, arranged for the Chapter Color Guard to present the National and State Colors on Saturday, April 21st at the 100th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball (Pioneer Ball) at the historic Villita Assembly Hall near the historic San Antonio River Walk. The Historical Ball is among the first of the galas to open Fiesta. The first Ball took place in 1919 to honor San Antonio's military personnel and has continued doing so over the years. Military personnel from local installations and organizations are special guests for the evening.



The Lewallen's host a table each year for the Color Guard and their guests. The guests this year included:

Former VPG South Central district of NSSAR Stephen Rohrbough his Lady Marie, Compatriot James Taylor and his Lady Pat, Compatriot Paul Reynolds and his Lady Rose and Compatriot Fred Soupiset and his Lady Pat. We are grateful for their support of us . Viva Fiesta!

(Shown from Left to Right) The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the Opening of the Pioneer Ball Celebration. Serving as Guardsman of the U.S. Texas Flag is Compatriot Fred Soupiset; Compatriot Paul Reynolds, Texas Flag Bearer (Chairman of the ROTC Committee); Compatriot Stephen Rohrbough (Commander of the SAR Color Guard); Compatriot James Taylor, U.S. Flag Bearer (Past Chapter President

and Chaplain of the National Society SAR); and Compatriot Jay Lewallen, Guardsman of the U.S Flag (Former Chairman, Chapter Education Programs).

PILGRIMAGE TO THE ALAMO

On Monday, April 23rd, the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society participated in the Pilgrimage to the Alamo to honor the 180 Texians who fell at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. According to DAR sources, more than 30 of them were descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution.

We had 9 participants in the Pilgrimage Procession. They included Compatriot Paul Reynolds and Kevin Kanter on the SAR Banner; Immediate Past Chapter President Larry Loop with the Wreath; Compatriots Fred Soupiset with Texas Flag and Stephen Rohrbough with the U.S. Flag as Flag Bearer's; and others members



Compatriot Richard Wright and his Lady Irene, Compatriot Bob Brady, and Compatriot Rev. Dr. James Schellenberg.

Many of our members are also members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Compatriots George Harcourt, James Massingill and Max Strozier are active members of SRT.

During this event, the names of the those who died at the Alamo seeking the cause of Independence from Mexico are announced once again recognized and honored.

CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN NATURALIZATION CEREMONY AT FT. SAM HOUSTON, TX



On April 24th the San Antonio Chapter was invited to participate in the Naturalization Ceremony for ten foreign national members who are currently serving in the Armed Services of the United States. All were in training at Ft. Sam Houston to be medical service technicians upon graduation.

To open the ceremony, our Color Guard presented the National and State Colors. These included: Compatriots Larry Loop, James Taylor and Paul Reynolds (at left) and Stephen Rohrbough and Bob Hancock (at right).

(Photo at Right) Lt.

Colonel, US Army (Ret.) Reverend James Taylor, Former Chaplain General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, was the Guest Speaker. Compatriot Taylor spoke on the benefits of being a U.S. citizen and how his Patriot Ancestor served at the Battle of Lexington and Concord in April 1775 where the American Revolution began with the “Shot That Was Heard Around the World”. Having successfully completing their instructions for citizenship, they were administered the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and became United States citizens. Following his remarks, he presented each enlistee their Certificate of Citizenship.



CHAPTER PRESENTS ROTC AWARDS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

As President Leonard stated in his Remarks on page 1, our members are in the process of awarding SAR medals to outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC students in 43 area high schools and 3 universities. According to Chairman Paul Reynolds, Certificates and Bronze Medals have been sent to 43 high school JROTC units for presentation during their Annual Awards Programs.

As of the end of April, our members have made presentations to selected students for their outstanding leadership qualities at 24 High Schools; 6 other high schools have been scheduled for presentations to selected students. Further, Certificates and Silver Medals were sent to 3 local Universities. All Awards have been presented.

One student who deserves special mention during the Awards Program at Robert G. Cole High School is Cadet Parker Shuck. Compatriot George Harcourt presented him the SAR Bronze Medal and Certificate for his outstanding leadership to the ROTC Programs at his school. (Photo at Left) Of special note is that Cadet Shuck was also awarded a full 4-year US Army ROTC Scholarship valued over \$67,000. He plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Chairman Reynolds also attend the Navy ROTC Awards Program at John Marshal High School and made a special presentation by presenting the SAR Flag Certificate to Corps Commander, Kaitland Jowers, for the ROTC cadet’s flag presentations performances throughout the school year.



CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL TEJEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY FAIRE

On April 7th Compatriots Bob Hancock, Fred Soupiset, Paul Reynolds, Bud Davenport and Stephen Rohrbough attended the 17th Annual History Faire at Frank Tejada Middle School (Northeast Independent School District). Although it conflicted with the Texas SAR Conference, we felt it important to continue participating in this annual event which we have attended since 2009. Our compatriots spoke about their Patriot Ancestors and how they participated in the events of the American Revolution, their uniforms and weapons, and camp life during the Revolution. **(Photo at Right)** Compatriot Soupiset speaks with a student about the making of a powder horn for storing black powder that is used for his black powder weapon.



HARDY OAKS ENTERS POSTER CONTEST

Compatriot Larry Loop, Chairman of the Education Programs, worked with Hardy Oaks Elementary School teachers seeking participation in our Annual Poster Contest. This year the 5th Grade Class submitted 44 posters. On March 4th cash awards and winning Certificates were awarded. Another 41 honorable mention certificates were also presented. Each teacher received a Certificate of Appreciation. **(Photo at Left)** From right to left is Nicholas Novell (1st Place), Cameron Shannon (3rd Place), and Lila Hernandez (2nd Place). Michelle Albrecht (5th grade teacher) was the school coordinator for the contest again this year. Our 1st Place entry won 3rd Place in the Texas Society Poster Contest in Richardson TX in early April. Congratulations Nicholas!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Chapter Business Meetings: May 10 and June 14, 2018, 11:30 A.M., Denny's Restaurant on Blanco inside Loop 410.

Chapter General Meeting: Usually held at the Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1 P.M. Next Meetings: May 16 and June 20.

Operation Ancestry Research: Training sessions will be announced as they are scheduled. Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; (Peter Baron) (All Members are invited)

Memorial Day Flag Placement Event: Support the San Antonio Area Scouting Council's Flag Placement Event, Friday, May 24th, 5:00 P.M. Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery (East Cemetery Assembly Pavilion) at 4:15 PM. (Frank Rohrbough)

Blue Skies Parade, June 24th at Air Force Village II. Located on Hwy 90 West - Patriotic Celebration Event (Frank Rohrbough) (All Members are Invited)

Independence Day Events:

- Hyatt Regency Hill Country

Resort Educational Program, Jul 3rd, 10 AM (Assemble 9 AM at the Lukenbach Pavilion) (All members are invited)

- **Granaderos de Galvez Memorial Service,** San Antonio National Cemetery, **Jul 4th,** 10 A.M. (Assemble 9 AM)

National Society, SAR Annual Congress: Westin Memorial City, Houston, TX, July 12- 18, 2018. Volunteers from the Texas Society are needed (Frank Rohrbough)

For more, go to our Chapter Website at: www.sarsat.org.