



THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot Roy Leonard, President — Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots: Season's Greetings to you all. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's celebration as Debra and I had with all our family.

As my year as President comes to an end on January 19, 2019 at our Chapter Gala, I wish to thank the members who have helped to make my time as President a rewarding one. I have really enjoyed working with all members who have actively served our Chapter in some capacity. Whether your service was as an Officer, Committee Chairman, ROTC presenter, or as a participant at one of our special events, I sincerely want to thank you for your service. For Chapter Awards go to **Pages 5 and 6**.

We had a very busy and challenging year. The Chapter received many awards from both State and National Societies of SAR this year many from the great work done by Past President Larry Loop in 2017. I expect to see some additional Chapter Awards next year based on your efforts this year. Once again, we promoted our Patriotic support through many events such as School History Fairs, the Hyatt Hill Country Resort Independence Day program on the Revolutionary War and Colonial History, Color Guard events and tremendous support of our Veterans at the San Antonio Veterans Hospital and Clinics.

At the Chapter Meeting in December we conducted our annual election of Officers for 2019; the slate of candidates led by Compatriot Dustin Whittenburg for President was elected by acclamation. My best wishes to our new Officers, I feel secure in the knowledge that our organization will be in good hands for the coming year.

Don't forget our **6:00 PM Chapter Gala on Saturday, January 19, 2019** at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio (where we usually hold our chapter meetings). We have scheduled this event on a weekend so that members who cannot attend our Chapter meetings during the week can join us for this special celebration.

This event takes the place of our monthly Chapter meeting for January. Our guest speaker will be Lt. General Richard E. "Tex" Brown, US Air Force (Ret), an outstanding and entertaining speaker. Also attending will be our Texas Society President Thomas Jackson; he will install our new Officers for 2019 at this event. I encourage you to attend and help us give them a warm San Antonio welcome. For more details see the Gala Invitation on **Page 6**.

In closing, I wish all Chapter members a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019; it has been an honor to serve you as your President.

Best Regards, *Roy Leonard*

CHAPTER ANNUAL GALA

The Chapter's Gala Banquet will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the Petroleum Club at 6:00 P.M. Our Keynote Speaker will be Lt. General Richard E. "Tex" Brown, USAF (Retired). Texas SAR President Tom Jackson will also be present to Induct our Officers for 2018. 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. An Invitation via a News Release was sent out to all members on January 2, 2019.

Send your check (made payable to San Antonio SAR) to:

Mr. Kevin Kanter at 508 Wilderness Way, New Braunfels, Texas 78132.

Payment must be received by January 9th

Save the Date!

San Antonio SAR
Chapter GALA

**Saturday
January 19,
2019
6:00 PM**

SALUTE TO VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY



The major event for the Texas Society SAR was the Veterans Day Parade in Fredericksburg, TX which was sponsored by the US Military Veterans Parade Association. Its focus was to honor all US Veterans past and present and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

The TXSSAR State Color Guard Commander Stuart Hoyt and the Southern Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy led the Texas SAR contingent which included twenty-six SAR

members in Revolutionary Period Uniforms and 5 ladies in Colonial Period dress participated in the Parade. Accompanying the Commanders were ten members carrying the United States and Texas Flags and other Revolutionary Period Campaign Flags.

Members of the San Antonio Chapter included President Roy Leonard and Compatriot Frank Rohrbough. The Boerne and Hightower Chapters provided decorated floats so that members, spouses and friends could participate in the parade without having to walk the 2 mile Parade route.

The Parade focused on veterans with no commercial, political or non-military entrants. One of the highlights of the Parade was the flyover of 14 vintage aircraft. The Parade assembled at the Gillespie County Court House and marched up and down Main Street and ended at the Court House.

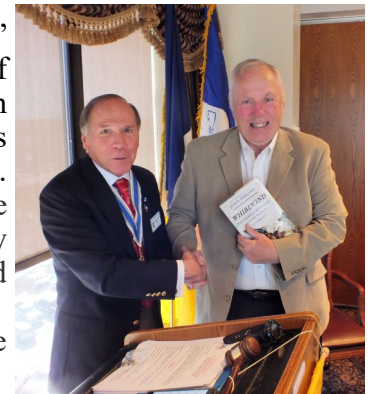
GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Our Guest Speaker at the November 14th Chapter Meeting was Carl “Sandy” Clauss, a school a history teacher in the Hays ISD in San Marcos. He spoke of John Wise, (1652-1725) as a Minister from the Congregational Church in Chebacco Parish in the southeastern part of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Wise was a graduate from Harvard and was an impressive preacher and forceful writer. What Wise said was so forward-thinking and so appropriate to the time leading up to the Revolution that when his books were reprinted in 1772, they quickly sold out and were reprinted again. In these works, Wise demonstrated from the Bible that:

- God created all men equal and every man must be acknowledged by the state as equal to every man,
- the end of all good government is to promote the happiness of all and the good of every man in all his rights: his life, liberty, estate, honor, etc.,
- The consent of the governed is the only legitimate basis for government.
- Taxation without representation is tyranny, and

What is significant is that many of Wise's Bible-based concepts and some of the phrasing was picked up by leading patriots and is even found in our Declaration of Independence.

Source: <http://www.bpnews.net>.



TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO SAR



President Roy Leonard inducted two new members into the San Antonio Chapter during our November 14th Meeting. **(Photo at Left)** Compatriot William B. Elmer was inducted through his Patriot Ancestor William Ball, 2Lt Fauquier County Militia. **(Photo at Right)** Active Duty US Army Colonel Gary Miskovsky, Jr was inducted through his Patriot Ancestor Vachel Dillingham, NC Patriotic Service and Civil Service.

Compatriot Larry Loop sponsored both of these new members.



JOINT DAR-SAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Joint Meeting of the San Antonio de Bexar DAR and San Antonio SAR Chapters was held on December 1st at the San Antonio Country Club. Regent Lauren Walthour hostessed this annual event and provided all attendees with outstanding southern hospitality. Joining Regent Walthour at the Head Table were Chapter President Roy Leonard and Former President-General (2009-10) of NSSAR Edward F. Butler.



(Photo Left) Color Guardsmen included Acting Commander Stephen

Rohrbough and Compatriots Roy Leonard and Larry Loop.

Others Chapter Members attending the Joint Meeting were Ed Butler's wife Robin, Roy's wife Debra; Stephen Rohrbough's wife Marie, Dustin and Brook Whittenburg, Bob and Prissy Hancock, Joseph and Nita Ware, Bud and Ginger Davenport, Ed and Aida Snyder, Jason and Sarah Green; Dustin and Brooke Whittenburg, Henry and Betty Garcia, Richard Weitzel and Carol Ann, Bob and Cindy Watson, Jack Cowan and Corinne Cowan Staacke DAR (sister), William Elmer, Ken and Jacki (sister) McAnear and Max Strozier.

The "**River City Ringers**" provided Christmas Handbell Music as a highlight of the Luncheon getting everyone in the Christmas Spirit. A full program of traditional Christmas songs and favorite holiday music was performed on handbells.



River City Ringers is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2005 by a group of dedicated handbell directors and ringers who had long dreamed of establishing an auditioned community handbell ensemble. Their mission is to provide entertainment and education for the advancement of the art of handbell ringing.

The River City Ringers currently perform public Christmas and Spring Concerts throughout the Greater San Antonio Area, to include many area churches and civic communities such as the San Antonio Museum of Art and the Army Residence Community.

Their performance was most entertaining and enjoyed by all.

REVOLUTINARY WAR PROGRAM PRESENTED TO TEXAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough and Lady Diane have given numerous Revolutionary War Period presentations to Elementary

and Middle School Classes for the years, particularly when their grandchildren were in attendance in 5th grade at Double Eagle Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They gave 7 presentations to the 5th Grade Class over a 9 year period of time from 2007 to 2016 at what was part of Colonial Village Week during their studies of the American Revolution during the Spring School Session.

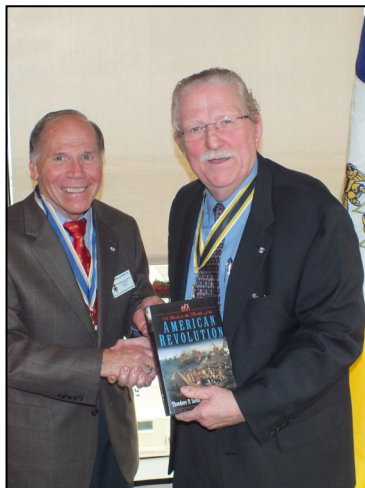
During this week, 5th Grade Students dressed up in period clothing and took on a character of a historical patriot. While in the village at their assigned stations, they would give a brief recitation to other students from the other grade classes who were visiting the Village of who they were and what they did in service to the cause of freedom. Following this session the student performed a dance popular during colonial times like the Virginia Reel. **(Photo at Right)** The Rohrbough's set up their table display showing their the articles that a soldier would use during the War and the items a family member would bring to support a sponsoring soldier while in camp.

On November 9th, the Rohrbough's were invited to make the same presentations at St. Anthony's Catholic School in Harlingen, TX. Compatriot Frank Rohrbough spoke of General Washington, The Spymaster in Chief, and the Culper Spy Ring which operated in New Your City during the period 1780-1783.

Following this presentation, Lady Diane spoke of the Camp Follower of the American Revolutionary War and why they followed their soldier fathers, brothers or other relatives and what services they performed while in camp. The table display provides a "hands-on" experience for the students which compliments their Early American History Education.



FEATURED SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER MEETING



Our Guest Speaker for the December 12th Chapter Meeting was Past President David Bowles. As a writer and author, Compatriot Bowles has written 3 novels using his family history and actual family experiences starting with the Battle of Gilford Court House that was fought on his ancestors farm.

Westward Sagas tell the story of the Mitchell family's 100-year odyssey west from Pennsylvania to Texas.

In "Adam's Daughters" (Book #2) Peggy Mitchell, daughter of Patriot Adam Mitchell, a survivor of the Battle of Gilford Courthouse, grows up in Jonesborough, Tennessee. She matures into a strong, independent woman who is courted by Andrew Jackson. Her younger brothers and sisters become her surrogate children and students. Together they take on renegade Indians, highwaymen, and the hardships of an untamed land.

In his latest book (Book #3) "Children of the Revolution", David tells of the story of the progeny of Patriot Adam Mitchell, who fought during the American Revolution at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15,

1781. This pivotal battle culminated in his cornfields, which adjoined the one-acre site of the first Guilford, North Carolina Courthouse.

For his presentation, President Leonard presented Compatriot Bowles with a book entitled "A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution" by Theodore P. Savas.

OFFICERS FOR 2019

The following Officers were elected by acclamation at the December 13th Chapter Meeting:

President: Dustin Whittenburg
1st Vice President: George Whittenburg
2nd Vice President: Michael Bowles
Recording Secretary: Christopher Janak
Correspond Secretary: Frank Rohrbough
Sergeant at Arms: Richard Weitzel
Treasurer: Kevin Kanter
Registrar: Peter Baron
Historian: Joe Ware
Chaplain: James Taylor
Genealogists: James Taylor
Chancellor: Edward Snyder

NOTE: Officers will be Inducted at the January 19th Chapter Gala by Texas SAR President Thomas Jackson.

2018 IN REVIEW

President Leonard noted in his “Message” on Page 1 the efforts that Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen undertook to make this another very successful year. Some “Highlights of the Year” included participation in the three Naturalization Events at Ft. Sam Houston, TX by providing the Color Guard and a Guest Speaker, National “Salute to Veterans” held throughout the South Texas Veterans Health Care System during the week of February 12th, the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 17th, history fairs at local middle and elementary schools, JROTC Awards at 43 High Schools, the Independence Day Program on July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, Public Service Awards to local Laws Enforcement and Fire Safety Units and our Joint DAR/SAR Christmas Luncheon on December 1st.

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 12th, President Leonard presented Chapter Service Awards to Officers and Committee Chairman for their service to the Chapter throughout the year. Members were presented the various SAR Medals and Certificates or an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) if they had previously received the Medal. **Awards are noted below and Page 6.**

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2018



(OLC) are shown from Left to Right: David Brooks (2 OLC) (Veterans Chairman),



As noted above, President Leonard thanked Chapter members for their service to the Chapter during the past year.

(Photo Left) The following members received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal (BRSM) or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) as shown from Left to Right: Joe Ware (1 OLC), Stephen Rohrbough (1 OLC), Frank Rohrbough (1 OLC) and President Leonard.

(Photo Right)

Members receiving Chapter Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) are shown from Left to Right: David Brooks (2 OLC) (Veterans Chairman), Larry Loop (2 OLC) (Chairman Youth Poster Contest) and Dustin Whittenburg, (2 OLC) (1st Vice President).

(Photo Left) Members receiving Chapter Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) are shown from Left to Right: Richard Weitzel (Medal and Certificate) (Service to Veterans), George Whittenburg (Medal and Certificate) (2nd Vice President) and Richard Wright (Medal and Certificate) (Service to Veterans).

Nine other Officers and Committee Chairman who were not present will be presented their Chapter Awards at Gala on January 19th.



Invitation to Chapter Gala

Who Can Attend: All Members and their Guests and Friends of SAR and DAR are Invited to attend our Chapter Gala

Keynote Speaker: Lt General Richard E. "Tex" Brown, USAF (Retired) who will speak on "Values for Our Country".

Reservations: Send name/s and select meal choice of

- Filet Mignon \$55 or
 - Petroleum Club Shrimp \$45
- for each person in your party.

Payment: Send check made payable to San Antonio SAR in the amount for each person to:

Mr. Kevin Kanter, 508 Wilderness Way, New Braunfels, Texas 78132. **Checks must be received by January 9, 2018.**

Dress: Men - Black Tie or a dark suit or Revolutionary War Period Dress

Ladies: Formal evening gown or cocktail dress

For Additional Information: Contact President Roy Leonard at (210) 414-7051.

CHAPTER AWARDS (CONT'D)



(Above) President Leonard presented Roger Sherman Medal (1st Oak Leaf Clusters) to George Harcourt, Bud Davenport and Paul Reynolds for their service as Chapter Committee Chairmen.



(Left) President Leonard presented Roger Sherman Medals to Henry Garcia (Membership) and Kevin Kanter (Treasurer) for their service as Chapter Committee Chairman and Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2019, 11:00 A.M., Chester's at 16609 San Pedro (Hwy 281, N and Thousand Oaks.

Chapter General Meeting: Normally at Petroleum Club on 3rd Wednesday each month at 11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. **There will be No Regular Chapter Meeting in January 2019.**

Annual San Antonio SAR Gala: (See Invitation Above)

Operation Ancestry Research: Training Sessions will be announced as they are scheduled.

Wounded Warrior Family Support Ctr., Ft. Sam Houston, TX; **(All Members are invited to participate.)**

Naturalization Event: Ft. Sam Houston, Family and Readiness Center, January 22, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. Color Guard and Speaker are needed. **(All members are invited to attend.)** (Frank Rohrbough)

George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX: Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM (All Participants must sign a Release Form and send it to Compatriot Tom Green at TBGreen3@gmail.com NLT De-

ember 31st). (Frank Rohrbough)

Vietnam Wall Exhibit: February 28—March 3, 2019, Ft. Sam Houston Assembly Area. Volunteers are needed to staff this 24 hour/4 day exhibit. (Dustin Whittenburg)

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

www.sarsat.org