



# THE SAN ANTONIO COMPATRIOT

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

Compatriot Richard Weitzel, President - Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Compatriots: Season's Greetings to you all. Carol Ann and I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's celebration with your family and friends. My Presidency comes to an end on January 20, 2024, so I want to thank the many members who have helped to make my time as President extremely rewarding. I really enjoyed working with all members who have actively served our Chapter in some way, whether as a Chapter Officer, Committee Chairman or Committee Member.

The Chapter received many awards from both State and National Societies of SAR this year based on the great work done by our members. I expect to see some additional Chapter Awards next year based on your efforts this year.

Once again, I was pleased to return to some of the events that the COVID Restrictions precluded us from participating in the past, such as School History Fairs, or supporting our Veterans at the Audie Murphy South Texas Medical Center. We were pleased to conduct our Annual Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Independence Day Historical Celebration on July 3rd, attend the Annual Battle of Medina Commemoration in August and the Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in College Station, TX in October. We joined the San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter for the Joint DAR-SAR Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 2nd. For details, see **Page 4**. We participated as a Partner Organization with Wreaths Across America with members purchasing 73 wreaths at the headstones at the San Antonio National Cemetery on December 16<sup>th</sup> as shown on **Page 6**.

At the Chapter Meeting on December 13th we recognized our Chapter Officer for their service to the chapter during 2023. Those attending were presented our Chapter Service Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster as noted on **Pages 8 & 9**. We also conducted our annual Election of Officers for 2024. Many of the Officers agreed to serve another year. Because of their service we have good continuity in our programs for the coming year.

On **Page 9** we recognized Lt. Colonel William Buell who passed on Tuesday, 28 November 2023. Until his death, Bill had been the longest serving active member of the San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution having joined the SAR in May 1956.

For members who have a Membership Anniversary during November-December, see Page 10.

Some of our members who have served with distinction are no longer able to perform as Guardsmen or Flag Bearers. We need more members to serve Color Guardsmen. So please consider purchasing colonial period attire, preferably a Revolutionary Period Uniform, and join us for the various events for the coming year. These events include our Annual Independence Day Historical Program at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort on July 3rd. There are plenty of clothiers who can help you. For sources, contact Compatriot Frank Rohrbough at [frankr@gvtc.com](mailto:frankr@gvtc.com) or Peter Baron at [ptbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbaron@hotmail.com).

In closing, I thank you for your support throughout my term of service as your President. I know that you will give in-coming President Blair Rudy your valued service to continue our many successes to grow our membership and fulfill the goals of the Texas Society of SAR.

I wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. It's been an honor to serve you as your President.

Respectfully, *Richard Weitzel*



## NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Our Chapter Meeting was held at the Petroleum Club on November 15th. Our Guest Speaker for the November Chapter Meeting was Dr. Bryan Howard, Ph.D., Curator, Ft. Sam Houston Museum. Dr. Howard provided a wonderful overview of the Museum's History and its many artifacts telling how the practice of Medicine changed over the course of time during the years of the US Army Medical Department. He also noted that AMEDD Museum Foundation was formed to promote the promulgation and preservation of Army medical legacy and heritage. It works to provide financial support for enhancing the artifact collections and museum infrastructure; holding appropriate ceremonies in honor of AMEDD personnel, units, and events; and educating a diverse and worldwide audience of the significance of AMEDD contributions.

President Weitzel presented Dr. Howard a book authored by Compatriot Judge Edward F. Butler entitled "The Warriors". It is a novel based on historical facts about Bernardo Galvez and Spain's involvement in the American Revolution and its influence on the events leading up to our Independence.

## CHAPTER HONORS WWII WARRIOR

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that U.S. Army Pfc. Clinton E. Smith, Jr., 19, of Wichita Falls, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 28, 2022. In January 1945, Smith was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. The unit was engaged with German forces during the Battle of Reipertswiller in France and was surrounded, along with four other companies. Smith was killed in an artillery strike on Jan. 14, but his body could not be recovered because of the fighting. Beginning in 1946, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel in the European Theater, searched the area around Reipertswiller, finding 37 unidentified sets of American remains, none of which could be identified as Smith. He was declared non-recoverable on March 29, 1951. DPAA historians have been conducting on-going research into Soldiers missing from combat around Reipertswiller, and found that X-6985 St. Avold, which had been buried at Lorraine American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in St. Avold, France, could be associated with Smith. X-6985 was disinterred in August 2021 and transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for analysis. To identify Smith's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis. Smith's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at Epinal American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Dinozé, France, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. Smith was buried in San Antonio, Texas, on November 7, 2023.

**(Photo Below)** Four chapter members attended the event and rendered honors to Pvt Smith as his casket passed by before his internment ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. They were Compatriots Blair Rudy, Frank Kebelman and Frank Rohrbough in colonial attire and Compatriot Michael



Bowles in Business attire. **(Photo was provided by Rose L. Thayer/ Stars and Stripes).**

## CHAPTER HOSTS VETERANS DAY MINI-RECEPTION AT SHAVANO PARK VA CLINIC

On November 7, 2023 our chapter Participated in Veterans Week held



by the South Texas Veterans Medical Center in San Antonio. We hosted a Mini-Reception at the Shavano Park Veterans Clinic to greet veterans who had medical appointments at the clinic that morning.

**(Photo Left)** Attending the events from left to right are Compatriot Ronald Finch, Bob Watson, Blair Rudy and Frank Rohrbough.

When a veteran entered the Waiting Lounge one of our members greeted them and introduced themselves to the veteran. They noted that this was Veterans Day Week and that all Veterans Medical Facilities across the country were participating in this event to recognize each veteran and “Thank Them for

Their Military Service”!

Further, we noted that we were members of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and we had some items at our table which they could take as they wanted. These items were donated by supporting veteran organizations who support the South Texas Veterans Medical Center in San Antonio. The items included military hats, mugs, glasses, shirts and bottles of water.

During our reception, we greeted 43 veterans who had appointments during the morning session. Other Veterans Organizations also participated in similar events that were held at other area Veterans Medical Clinics.

## CHAPTER CONDUCTS COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING EVENT

On November 4th Compatriot Frank Kebelman led our Chapter in another Compatriot Grave Marking Event at the Mission Park



and San Jose Burial Park Historic Cemeteries in San Antonio. **(Photo Left)** From L-R are Bob Peterson, Frank Kebelman, Kevin Kanter, Frank Rohrbough, Larry Loop, Valerie Finch, Stephen Rohrbough, Ron Finch,

Blair Rudy, Mike Giglio, and Mike Bowles.

**(Photo Right)** From L-R are Ron Finch and Dan Farris who both received the Grave Marking Medal from President Richard Weitzel. **(Photo Below)** From L-R are Frank Rohrbough, Larry Loop and Kevin Kanter who received a Oak Leaf Cluster to the Grave



Marking Medal from President Weitzel.

**(Photo Below Right)** From L-R are Blair Rudy, Mike Bowles and Frank Kebelman who received 2nd Oak Leaf Clusters to the Grave Marking Medal.



## ANNUAL JOINT DAR-SAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We had 10 members and several spouses of our Chapter attend the Annual Joint DAR-SAR Luncheon hosted by the San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter at the San Antonio Country Club on Saturday, December 2nd. Chapter Regent Gail Fox welcomed all members and their guests.



**(Photo Left)** Our Color Guard presented the National Colors at the Opening of the Luncheon. Shown from L-R are Commander Frank Rohrbough, Frank Kebelman (US Flag Bearer) and Stephen Rohrbough (Texas Flag Bearer). Following the Pledges to the National Colors, the Color Guard posted National Colors. Regent Fox proceeded with the DAR Pledges and the American's Creed and DAR Creed. Regent Fox asked Commander Frank Rohrbough to lead the SAR Members in the Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution. She was a gracious hostess recognizing our Chapter Color Guard and all of those SAR Members who attended the event. Regent Fox invited all guest to enjoy a delicious meal of Marinated Sliced Sirloin Tender or Fontina Chicken Saltimbocca.

**(Photo Right)** Members attending the Christmas Luncheon from L-R are: Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough, Harold (Bud) Davenport, Max Strozier, Scott Atkinson, Tom O'Neal, Bill Valentine, Joe Cox (William Hightower SAR Chapter) and Mike Bowles.



Others attending but not shown were Chris Smith and Scott Atkinson.

**(Photo Left)** In recognition for our service for presenting the Colors, Regent Fox presented Commander Rohrbough an Honorarium of \$100 to be used for our Youth Awards Program.

**(Photo Right)** The River City Bell Ringers provided a beautiful rendition of Holiday Music. River City Ringers is a community handbell ensemble based in San Antonio, Texas. This all-volunteer group includes a diverse range of advanced-level ringers from across the Greater San Antonio area.



## CHAPTER DONATES CHRISTMAS TOTES FOR VETERANS

At the November Chapter Meeting President Weitzel asked for donations from members in attendance to support the Totes for Veterans Program conducted by the South Texas Veterans Medical Center in San Antonio. The hat was passed and \$485 was collected. The donations covered the cost of items that were purchased and loaded in the HEB Christmas Totes.



**(Photo Left)** Compatriot Larry Lockett purchased the items at a local HEB Store. The 10 items shown were placed in each of the ten (10) Tote Bags. Additionally, an HEB Gift Card for \$25 was included in the Tote to cover the cost of a Turkey or Ham to provide a meal for a family of four.

**(Photo Right)** The Totes for Veterans were delivered to the Volunteer Services Office on December 3rd by Compatriots Larry Lockett (left) and

Frank Rohrbough (Between CDCE Staff Members). These are LaKeisha Howard, Voluntary Service Specialist and Andraia Avila, Volunteer Assistants.



## CHAPTER PRESENTS SAR AWARD TO ENGINEER EDDIE MARTINEZ

On December 20, 2023 Compatriot Peter Baron presented the SAR Emergency Medical Service Commendation Award at Fire Station #38 in San Antonio. The Citation reads: “Engineer Eddie Martinez has distinguished himself and the San Antonio Fire Department through his professionalism, his expertise, his commitment to training, and his desire to provide the best emergency response capabilities to the citizens of San Antonio. Engineer Martinez entered the San Antonio Fire Department on 5 October 1998. He has served the citizens of San Antonio for over 25 years in the Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services Divisions. He is currently a field Paramedic on Medic 38.

Engineer Martinez exemplifies the attributes of a true healer. His demeanor and compassion are uplifting to all who meet him. Couple his joyful charisma with an excellent skill set, and Eddie has directly impacted survivability and eased the recovery of the patients he treats.

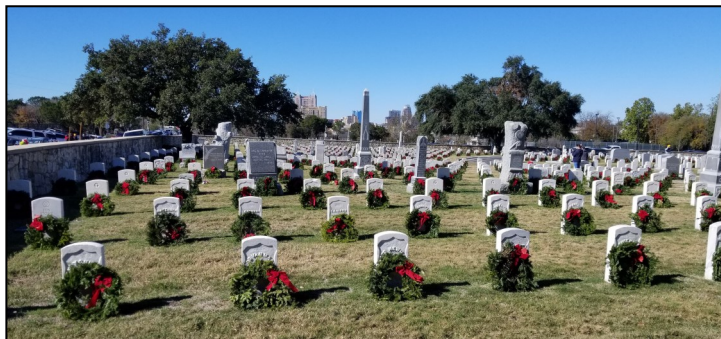
It is this commitment and dedication to Service that resonates from Engineer Martinez and those he comes into contact with. His actions reflect great credit on Himself, the San Antonio Fire Department and the Citizens of San Antonio.

Recognized this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2023 by the San Antonio Chapter, of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.”

**(Photo Left)** Lt. Peter Baron and his boss Battalion Chief (Compatriot) B.T. McEnery recognized the remarkable services of Engineer Martinez during this past year. This presentation was a follow-up to our Heroism Awards that were conducted at the Petroleum Club on September 20th where Chief McEnery was our Guest Speaker.



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) EVENT HELD AT SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL CEMETERY



**(Photo Left)** National Wreaths Across America Day took place at over 4,225 participating locations across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery, on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Volunteers remembered over three million veterans this year. We celebrated National Wreaths Across America Day at the San Antonio National Cemetery located just east of downtown.

It is WAA's mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach" about the many ways veterans have served our country. Throughout the year WAA works in a number of ways to show veterans and their families that we will not forget — we will never forget — those who have served.

During this event WAA Wreaths were placed at the foot of each gravestone to honor each veteran for their service. The person placing a wreath respectfully recited the veterans name and stated "Thank you for your Service" while rendering a hand salute.

Over 3100 wreaths were placed this year which covered all of the headstones in the Cemetery. With over 300 more wreaths remaining Volunteers were invited to take them to the Confederate Cemetery a short block away to place them at the headstone of other veterans.

**(Photo Right)** The host organization for this event was the San Antonio Young Marines. It is a local youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promote the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines strongly support the U.S Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts. During the Opening Ceremony seven cadets placed a wreath on the ground in front of the presentation platform for each of the seven Uniformed Services.

Our chapter became a Participating Organization of the Wreaths Across America this year which prompted many of our members to purchase 73 Wreaths for placement at the headstone of each veterans interred at the historic San Antonio National Cemetery and the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

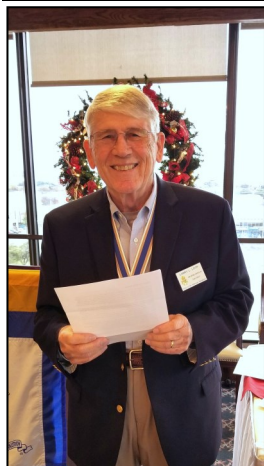


**(Photo Right)** Participants from our Chapter shown from L-R are Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Blair Rudy and Frank Kebelman. We placed a total of 30 wreaths at the gravestones in the San Antonio National Cemetery this year.

**(Photo Left)** Compatriot Kebelman placed a wreath at the headstone of veteran SP5 Joseph W. Russell, US Army, Born February 26, 1946, Died June 2, 2023, A Brilliant Fund Loving Man.



## HISTORICAL VINGETTE



Our Chapter Historian Larry Loop provided an historical vignette at the December 13th Chapter Meeting addressing the Boston Tea Party Event that sparked a movement which led to the American Revolution.

(Photo Left) The Vignette reads: “On December 16, 1773, the **Boston Tea Party** took place when a group of angry patriots dumped the tea from three ships into Boston Harbor to protest Parliament's tax on tea. In 1767, the **Townshend Acts** placed a tax on tea and other items for the first time, leading to boycotts of English goods in the colonies. The **Townshend Acts** were finally repealed in 1770, except for the tea tax, which Parliament left in place to assert that it did indeed have the right to tax the colonists.

By 1773, the British East India Company, the main importer of tea to England and the colonies, was suffering a severe financial crisis. The **Indemnity Act of 1767**, which removed certain taxes on the Company, had expired, causing the price of tea to go up. Tons of tea that could not be sold at the higher price sat in warehouses in London. In order to rescue the Company, Parliament passed the **Tea Act of 1773**, which removed taxes on the Company, allowed it to export directly to the colonies, thereby bypassing middlemen who raised the price and raised the tax on end-consumers.

The **Tea Act** actually lowered the price of tea in America, but the colonists stood on the principle that it was unjust for Parliament to tax them at all because they were not represented in Parliament. Seven (7) tea ships left England for America that year. Patriots at Philadelphia and New York successfully prevented the ships from unloading, while the ship at Charleston, South Carolina was confiscated by patriots and the goods resold to aid the patriot cause.

In Boston, the *Dartmouth*, arrived on November 27 and was prevented from unloading by local patriots. The *Eleanor* and the *Beaver* arrived over the next few weeks, but they could not unload either, while a fourth ship was lost in a storm. By law, ships arriving in the Americas had 20 days to pay the required customs duties, meaning the taxes due on the *Dartmouth's* cargo had to be paid by December 17. The owners and captains of the ships volunteered to return the goods to England, but Royal Governor Thomas Hutchinson would not allow them to leave until the taxes were paid. Local citizens posted sentries around the ships to prevent them from unloading.

On the 16th, a mass meeting of 7,000 people met at the Old South Meeting House in Boston. After the meeting, which was led by **Samuel Adams**, several dozen men, some dressed as Mohawk Indians, marched to Griffin's Wharf and boarded the ships. Approximately 42 tons of tea, enough to fill 18.5 million tea bags, from all three ships was dumped into the harbor; so much that the water of Boston Harbor was reportedly brown for a week!

The present-day value of the destroyed tea has been estimated at around \$1 million. The dumping of the tea on this date was important because it meant the tea could not be resold to pay the taxes.

The term **Boston Tea Party** was not used for nearly another century. In fact, many Americans looked down upon the event for the first several decades after the Revolutionary War because it involved the destruction of private property. Eventually, though, the event came to represent a moment of pride in American history as a revolt against tyranny. Parliament responded to the **Boston Tea Party** by passing the **Coercive Acts**, which ended self-government in Massachusetts by disbanding the colonial assembly and **shut down the port** of Boston until the price of the tea was repaid. These "**Intolerable Acts**," as the colonists called them, were the direct cause of the calling of the **First Continental Congress**, which met to coordinate the joint response of the united colonies.”

Massachusetts DAR is participating in the grand commemoration of this anniversary by hosting a 2-day event. On Friday, December 15th, Daughters from across the country and special guests will tour the Old South Meeting House, the Old State House, and the Museum of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery located on the top floor of Faneuil Hall. We will also tour the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, and have lunch with a tea-tasting of the five teas that were destroyed. An America 250! Marker will be dedicated at the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, since many Tea Party participants are proven DAR patriots. There will be a banquet in the rooftop ballroom of the Omni Parker House Hotel. The speaker, Michele Gabrielson, will present a program on “A Bittersweet Victory: The Role of Chocolate in the Revolution.

On Saturday, December 16th, the Boston Tea Party Chapter is holding a high tea with Samuel Adams coming to rally us to take the trolleys down to Griffin's Wharf so that we may watch the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum reenactment of “Huzzah! Make Boston Harbor a Teapot Tonight!

**P.S. Compatriot Loop was recognized by the Green Mountain Boys DAR Chapter with the presentation of the new DAR Hannah White Arnett Medal. It is awarded to a member in good standing with the Sons of the American Revolution for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR.**

## 2024 OFFICERS

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

**President:** Blair Rudy  
**1st Vice President:** Frank Kebelman  
**2nd Vice President:** Ronald Finch  
**Recording Secretary:** Michael Bowles  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Frank Rohrbough  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Ronald Finch  
**Treasurer:** Daniel Farris  
**Registrar:** Larry Luckett  
**Historian:** Larry Loop  
**Chaplain:** Jimmie Massingill  
**Genealogists:** Larry Luckett

**NOTE:** Officers will be Inducted by Texas SAR President-Elect Sam Massey at the Chapter Meeting on January 20, 2024.

## CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS

**TXSSAR Chapter Service Medal and Certificate**  
**Daniel Farris, (Treasurer) Dec 13, 2023 – Medal**  
**Ronald Finch, Acting Sgt At Arms) Dec 13, 2023 – Medal**  
**John Bell, (ROTC), Dec 13, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> OL Cluster**  
 John Booth, (Flag Program) Dec 13, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> OL Cluster  
**Frank Kebelman, (2nd VP), Dec 13, 2023 - 1<sup>st</sup> OL Cluster**  
 Larry Luckett, (Registrar), Dec 13, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> OL Cluster  
**Blair Rudy, (1st VP), Dec 13, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> OL Cluster**  
**Robert Watson, (Membership), Dec 13, 2023 – 3rd OL Cluster**  
**Michael B. Bowles, (Recording Sec), Dec 14, 2023 – 4th OLC**  
**Kevin Kanter. Dec 13, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> OL Cluster**  
 Jay Lewallen, Dec 13, 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> OL Cluster  
 Frederic Soupiset, Dec 13, 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> OL Cluster  
 Dustin S. Whittenburg, Dec 13, 2023 – 6th OL Cluster  
**Harold “Bud” Davenport, Dec 13, 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> OL Cluster**  
**Larry L. Loop. Dec 13, 2023 – 7th OL Cluster**  
 Jimmie D. Massingill Dec 13, 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> OL Cluster  
 Robert N. Hancock, December 13, 2023 – 9th OL Cluster  
 Edward C. Snyder III, Dec 13, 2023 – 9th OL Cluster  
 Peter T. Baron, Jr., Dec 13, 2023 – 11th OL Cluster  
**James C. Taylor, Dec 13, 2023 -11th OL Cluster**  
**Frank G. Rohrbough, Dec 13, 2023 – 11th OL Cluster**  
 Stephen W. Rohrbough, Dec 13, 2023 – 13th OL Cluster  
**George W. Harcourt, Dec 13, 2023 – 15th OL Cluster**  
**Members attending the December Meeting are highlighted**

## CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2023

President Weitzel recognized all our Officers and Committee



Chairman with a Chapter Service Award and presented their awards during the December 13th Chapter Meeting. **(Photo Left)** From L-R are Compatriot Bob Watson (Chairman, Membership Committee), Mike Bowles (Recording Secretary) and Kevin Kanter Chaplain).



**(Photo Right)** From L-R are John Bell (ROTC Committee), Frank Kebelman (2nd Vice President), and Blair Rudy (1st Vice President).



**(Photo Left)** From L-R are George Harcourt (Gala Committee), James Taylor (Genealogist), and Frank Rohrbough (Corresponding Secretary). **(Photo Right)** From L-R Ronald Finch (Acting Sgt at Arms) and Daniel Ferris (Treasurer)



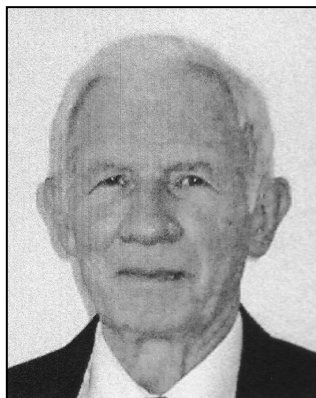


### CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2023 (Cont'd)

**(Photo Right)** Shown L-R, President Weitzel are Harold Davenport (Veterans Program) and Larry Loop (Historian). Those members who were not present to receive their Awards will be presented their Awards at another chapter meeting.



### MEMORIAL OF COMPATRIOT LT. COLONEL WILLIAM BUELL



William Collins Buell V, age 89, of San Antonio, Texas passed away on Tuesday, 28 November 2023. Until his death, Bill had been the longest serving active member of the San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution having joined the SAR in May 1956.

Bill Buell was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He had enlisted service for two years before earning an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point, NY, in 1954. He was a cadet at West Point when he joined the SAR and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from USMA in 1959. His military career included service in Korea, Hawaii, Spain, Vietnam (2 tours), Germany, Panama, and the Dominican Republic, as well as an assignment as Assistant Professor of Spanish at USMA in 1965-1968. His military awards and commendations included Airborne/Ranger; 2 awards of The Legion of Merit; 2 Bronze Star Medals; the Purple Heart; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Com-

mendation Medal w/3 OLC and V device (valor); RVN Cross of Gallantry w/silver star and palm. He retired from military service in 1981 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following his military retirement he was a Spanish and Latin teacher, a Vice Principal, and the Dean of Faculty and Instruction at high schools in San Antonio, Texas, 1982-1997. During the period 1998-2005 he was a Home School Latin and Spanish teacher.

In addition to the Sons of the American Revolution, Bill was an active member of numerous hereditary societies, including: The Society of the Cincinnati; The Crown of Charlemagne; The Plantagenet Society; Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company; The Mayflower Society; Sons of the Republic of Texas; Colonial Wars; Founders and Patriots; The War of 1812; and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He served as Registrar, Huguenot Society of Texas, 2012-2017. At the time of his death, he was serving as Registrar General of the National Huguenot Society beginning in 2017, as well as Corresponding Secretary, Texas Division of the Magna Charta Dames & Barons, and Flag Bearer of the San Antonio Colony. He was a long time member and former officer of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. In 2020 he was co-author of *2020 UPDATE to The Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society*

**A Military Funeral will be held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on February 12, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

**The Annual Chapter Gala, January 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** Reservations are required by sending your check to President Dan Farris TX 78132 NLT **January 10th**. For more details see our Chapter News Release which was emailed to All Chapter Members on November 19, 2022. A follow up News Release will be sent to members in early January.

**Salute to Veterans Week:** Will be held at the South Texas Veterans

Medical Center during the week of February 12-16, 2023.

**Next Chapter Executive Committee Meetings:** January 10th and February 14, 2024, La Fonda Mexican Restaurant, Alamo Heights (Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday each month 11:30 A.M.)

**Chapter Meetings:** Because of the Chapter Gala there will be **no January Meeting**. The February Chapter Meeting will be held on Febru-

ary 21, 2024. (Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month.)

**Texas Society of SAR 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:** April 11-14, 2024 in San Antonio, TX; The Registration Form and Hotel Reservation Information is posted on the TXSSAR Website under the "Events" Tab at [www.txssar.org](http://www.txssar.org).

**For more information, please go to our Chapter Website at:**  
[www.txssar.org/SanAntonio](http://www.txssar.org/SanAntonio)

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

### **5\_yrs of Service**

Luke Lovelace  
Eugene Holmes  
Morris McKee  
Christopher Petty  
Curtis Wubbena

### **10\_yrs of Service**

Douglas Bannister  
George Powell  
John Sutton  
Parker Lewallen  
Paul Ruckman

### **15\_yrs of service**

Paul Wagoner  
Mark Guthrie  
James Sutton  
Rueben Perez  
Max Strozier  
Blair Rudy  
Robert Giffin

### **20\_yrs of service**

Brandon Ware  
Robert Green  
James McConnell  
Gene Munson

### **25\_yrs of service**

James Perkins  
Warren Pfeiffer  
David Bowles  
Joseph Bax

### **50\_yrs of service**

Thomas Brown