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Our Flag Program

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In our fifth year of flag programs we continue to have fun as we drop seeds of American History. This past year we reached an estimated audience of 4,251. Although this is not a reportable item for the SAR, it is for the DAR and we rely upon their figures.

We presented to 27 school assemblies; this translates into 167 programs, as defined by the state, being presented! (The chapter annual report instructions state, "School assembly talks count 25 points per class in attendance.") In addition to school assemblies we presented to 3 other groups to include a CAR Society, a retirement home, and an association of retired school teachers from Region 4 for a total of 170 programs



All are smiling after the flag presentation at Spring Branch administration center with the retired teachers association. (In the photo, from left to right are Ed Raines, Tom Green, SBISD representative, Tom Jackson and another Compatriot.)

In this photo, from left to right is Compatriot Ed Raines, Rankin President Jackson, Teacher Dianne Sparks, and Sundown School Principal Steve Pustejovsky.



Ms Sparks has just received her BGCMB and certificate for her five year sponsorship of the SAR Poster Contest, Flag Programs at her school, in addition to her fifth year of conducting the "We the People" program.

We the People is a National Endowment for the Humanities program designed to encourage and enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history, culture, and democratic principles. President George Bush officially launched We The People on Constitution Day 2002.

Compatriot Ed Raines annually serve as a moderator as the students demonstrate their knowledge of what the founding fathers would say or do when confronted with either current or historical events!

Estimated DAR audience count for 3 years:

2008	4,251
2007	3,984
2006	5,546
Total	13,781



The flag program is presented to private schools as well as at public schools. Shown here at the Parish School in September 2008, are, from left to right: Ed Raines, Richard Shanks, DAR member Virginia Evans.



This past year we presented to Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, and also High Schools, specifically Mayde Creek High School in Katy ISD and Langham Creek HS in Cy Fair ISD. Shown above, from left to right, are Ed Raines, Tom Jackson, Voinna Shanks, Richard Shanks, Langham Creek teachers Ginger Picone and Esther Roberts.

In addition to the flag program, Richard presents on his role as a NASA controller during the moon launch while Tom presents Patriots Day.

*Location, Location, Location
Flag Programs were in the cities of Conroe,
Liberty, Houston, Katy and Sugar Land
and in four counties including Ft Bend,
Chambers, Montgomery, and Harris.*

Through the flag program we award flag certificates at most of the schools. Here, Ed Raines presents a 5th grade student of Sundown elementary with a flag certificate as Virginia Evans, DAR observes.



At the elementary level the certificate is presented to “The Fifth Grade Flag Detail” and is a much anticipated part of the Flag Program. This year, 17 flag certificates were presented during the flag program and an additional 8 were mailed for a total of 25!

The Chapter believes that presenting of the certificates not only expresses our appreciation but serves a key marketing element whenever these certificates are framed and shown in classrooms or hallways.

An estimated 372 Robert Rankin volunteer hours were contributed to the flag program during calendar year 2008, mostly by Ed, however Patrick Kerr, Tom Jackson, and Richard Shanks also contributed to the effort. Also assisting were DAR members Gail Raines, Virginia Evans, and Vionna Shanks.

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