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Summertime, part two

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I requested our newsletter editor to give us two newsletters this year covering the summer since our color guard has been so active. The Fourth of July is perhaps the most important day for our organization. The words that form part of the basis of our country still resonate in my mind.

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness..”

Read, enjoy, and I'll see you in September.
(Reminds me of a song I used to know...LOL.)



The Fourth of July in Galveston



The Galveston Fourth of July Parade was held on the 3rd of July and the parade covered 22 blocks. In the photo below the ladies love a man in uniform as David Jones is discovering. In the photo above, Color Guard Commander Patrick Kerr is carrying the American Flag while David Jones, to the right in the photo, is resplendent in his uniform.



*Fourth of July
Fairfield Independence Day Parade*

The Wings of Freedom Society has a goal of participating in a Fourth of July Celebration every year. This year they went to Fairfield subdivision.



Melinda Simms, organizing Senior of The Wings of Freedom Society noted that “The Fairfield Women's Club president said that our float represented what America really is to her. She loves our motto: God, Home, and Country.” The CAR Society won a first place award for their float. The Robert Rankin Chapter is a proud sponsor of The Wings of Freedom Society. President Bobby Smith is the Rankin CAR Chairman.



Patriotic Celebration

*Mims Baptist Church, Conroe, Texas
June 27, 2010*

Participation at this celebration is now an annual event for the Rankin Chapter. Interestingly enough, this is their substitute Fourth of July celebration.



Pastor Gene Kindrick of Mims Baptist Church, in his sermon on the Fourth of July, remarked of the Celebration on June 27th,

“When I see an Honor Guard march in with our American Flag and military personnel stand and salute and others place their hand over their heart in honor of our great country, it makes me proud to be an American.”



Adults, From left to right, Rankin Compatriot Patrick Kerr, DAR Jenny Evans, Rankin Compatriot David Jones, Freedom Chapter Compatriot John Thompson

*Board of Managers Meeting
Austin, Texas
July 31st and August 1st*

The Summer Board of Managers Meeting was a good affair for those who could attend. George Washington was the dinner speaker and after a fine repast and a thoughtful speech, fellow Compatriots gathered with George for their portrait!



Rankin members at the BOM and shown above with their faces circled are front row Patrick Kerr (left) and Tom Jackson (right) with Stephen Tanner behind.



TXSSAR President Jim Jones, shown left, encourages Chapters to focus on the SAR goal of fostering patriotism. He noted that two principal ways were the awarding of flag certificates and recognition of public service. **At the National Congress in Cleveland, TXSSAR received the President General's Activities Award!**

Did you know?

The Rankin Chapter has issued flag certificates and recognized public service with the awarding of a medal for four consecutive years and will do so again this year! Theron McClaren and Gus Mistrot are our Rankin Committee Chairmen for these areas, respectively. We Rankin Compatriots take this as standard, but less than one third of the chapters in the state achieved this goal just for last year!



*Color Guard News by Patrick Kerr,
Rankin Color Guard Commander*

First and foremost I would like to welcome Thomas Jackson as our newest color guard member. You are looking sharp!

At this BOM I took minutes of both the State Color Guard meeting as well as the ROTC meeting. The hot topic was the proposal by Peter Baron of San Antonio to create a Color Guard Chapter for the State of Texas. Members must be dual members, and would meet three times a year during the State and BOM Meetings. The motion to send the proposal to the Board of Managers was approved 9 to 6 with many abstaining.



Did you know?

Ray Cox is not only the Webmaster for the Rankin Chapter, but he is also the state Webmaster. Here in the Rankin Chapter we know that Ray is a wonderful talent and now the rest of the Nation knows also. TXSSAR received the President General Robert B. Vance Award for the State Society web site which best represents the SAR, by providing members and the public useful information in a creative and professional format. Well done Ray!



Editors Note: Check the State website for more committee reports.

Member Spotlight



Jerry Randall (Randy) Pearson Robert Rankin Chapter

Personal: Randy was born in Amarillo, Texas in 1957. He moved to the Rio Grande Valley and stayed there until joining the Navy in 1975. Randy married Jill Evans in 1990. Jill's father is a past president of the Hill Country Chapter of the SAR. They have a 17 year old daughter, Victoria, and a 15 year old son, James. Victoria and James attend Cinco Ranch High School.

Educational: Randy attended the University of Texas until joining the Navy in 1975 achieving the rank of Petty Officer 3. After leaving the Navy he moved to Houston.

Professional: Randy started what would turn out to be a lifelong career in sales in 1978 at Litton Industries. In 1983 he moved into selling steel for Tubular Steel, Inc. During his 22 years with Tubular Steel, Randy accomplished many personal and professional milestones. Randy was named top salesman for various product lines over the years until he accomplished the coveted "Top Gun" award for top salesman of the company three years in a row. An opportunity to open his own business allowed Randy to start JP Steel, LLC in 2005. JP Steel started as a small home office and has grown into a 21,000 sq ft. distribution warehouse. His wife Jill works in the office next to Randy. They feel very blessed to be able to experience this success together.

Interests: Randy and Jill spend most of their free time attending their children's activities. Other interests include playing golf, fishing, traveling and riding their Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Genealogical: Colonel Charles McDowell is Randy's SAR ancestor. He was in the Burke County militia and fought in a number of skirmishes in and around North Carolina, including King's Mountain. Randy was encouraged to join the SAR by his father-in-law, Von Evans, past president of the Hill Country Chapter of the SAR. After a warm welcome from

the membership of the Robert Rankin Chapter, Randy was inducted as a member in 2009. Randy is currently Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee and the Sea Cadet Committee.



BOOKTIPS

Historian Gary Nash has a dashing Colonial officer, plumed hat and all, on the cover of his "The Forgotten Fifth — African Americans in the Age of Revolution." You move into this tightly-written history expecting to read about battles, about the loyal blacks who helped us roust the British. There is some of that. When Nash says "Age of Revolution," he is letting us know that he doesn't intend to stop at Yorktown. The book finds its greatest strength after the Revolution. George Washington frees his slaves only on his deathbed. John Adams never once writes a word in support of abolition. This is a thinking man's book and challenges any reader.

By Joe Allen Rice



Upcoming Events:

Sep 8th Chapter Meeting
Oct 13th No Meeting in October
Nov 10th Chapter Meeting

Board of Managers Meeting
July 31st-Aug 1st Austin
Oct 29th -31st Houston,
Rankin Chapter Host

Check State Website

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