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A Fond Farewell

by Pat Kerr, President (2007-2008)

As I look back upon my year as your President, I remember my initial thoughts of what a daunting task lay ahead of me. As the year progressed, I was privileged to attend functions at schools, churches, and other organizations. I made new friends, enjoyed new opportunities, and generally had a good time! I would like to thank all of you for this year of learning and experience.

I suppose I should tell you how we did on the annual report. We of course did an excellent job and earned lots of points, 14,690 to be precise. More important to me is what those points represented.

We have two Compatriots, Ed and Richard, who along with their wives and their friends are directly responsible for the majority of those points. There are several thousand students that have a better understanding of the American Revolution because of them.

We also have David Jones who took over the essay contest, John Davis has carried the Eagle Scout program and Thomas has assisted with Sea Cadets, Flag Certificates, Joint Programs, newsletters, and we all get to take credit for what they have done. Gus and Bernice helped correct the rules at national for the essay program, found an officer in our community to be recognized for his service with HPD, and Gus now serves as our Registrar which will help our chapter to grow. Ed continues to entertain and enlighten us with his work on posters, parades, and other projects while Richard has permitted me to take the reins of the JROTC program.

Our chapter is blessed with having both Ray Cox, District VIII Vice President, and Allan Henshaw to provide guidance and

advice. In the end it befalls to me to accept for the Chapter, the recognition that it will receive for all of this effort, but you are the ones who did all of the work. Thank you for a great year and I look forward to participating in many more interesting programs with the fine people who are a part of this organization.



Installation of Rankin Officers, from l to r: Allan Henshaw, Chancellor, Ed Raines, Sgt. At Arms, Bob Smith, Sec./Treas., Tom Jackson, President, Judge Tom Lawrence, TXSSAR Secretary, David Jones, Vice President, Gus Mistrot, Registrar.



Katy teachers honored with BGM & COA
Front row: David Jones, Penny Rosas, Patti Greene
Second row: Ed Raines, Julie Long, Kathy Luther

Samuel Adams Certificates of Appreciation awarded to Committee Chairman, (From left to right): Tom Jackson (Sea Cadets, Flag Certificates), Ed Raines (Poster Contest, Flag Program), John Davis (Eagle scouts), Richard Shanks (Nominations), Pat Kerr (JROTC), Gus Mistrot (Public Service)..



Thomas Paine Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Nancy Brandli (center) and to Patrick Kerr (left). They worked together to provide publicity resulting in nine articles and radio spots appearing 30 times.



Flag certificates were awarded by Compatriot Jackson (left) to Richard Shanks, Mayde Creek High School (Penny Rosas), McRoberts Elementary School (Vonna Mueller), Copperfield Community Association (Roger Clayton).



President Kerr awards a BGCM & COA to Past President Kelly McBride. During Kelly's tenure the Chapter set a state record for the most points ever earned by a chapter in the history of the state.



The Honorable Tom Lawrence , TXSSAR State Secretary informs the chapter how we won our independence "With a Little Help from our Friends."

Other Notables

New Members Stephen Algeier and Stephen Tanner were inducted.

Robert Morris COA's were awarded to Gus Mistrot, Patrick Kerr, Tom Jackson, and Ed Raines!

Upcoming Events:

Apr 9 at the IHOP, Tom McCormick Speaker on genealogy tricks

March 27th to 30, State Convention is in Arlington, Check State Website