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Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Willow Fork Country Club March Highlights Color Guard Meeting

- Guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Lisa Mundey, History Dept. Chair and Assoc. Professor; Political Science Dept. University of St. Thomas
- Installation of Robert Rankin 2019 Officers

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Dr. Lisa Mundey's area of expertise is modern U.S. military history, with particular interest in the U.S. Afghan War. She researches and teaches Cold War history, the intersection of military and science during the Cold War, and popular culture and memory of the U.S. military. Dr. Mundey is interested in the military's relationship with the American people and the concepts of militarism and anti-militarism.

**Areas of Expertise** American Military, United States Army, Popular Culture and Military, Military History

**Author:** American Militarism and Anti-Militarism in Popular Media, 1945-1970, as well as contributor to several publications



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From left to right: Alex Thorne, Michael Bierman, Bruce McMordie, Jerry Clanton, and Allen Greene.

Robert Rankin Chapter 2019 Officers President: Bruce McMordie Vice-President: Tom Jackson Secretary: Michael Bierman Treasurer: Alex Thorne Historian: Tom Jackson and Allen Greene Registrar: Tom Jackson Genealogist: Jack Muggli Sgt. At Arms: Jerry Clanton Chaplain: Alex Thorne

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Newly installed President Bruce McMordie assumes the gavel from outgoing President Allen Greene.



#### **Robert Rankin Changes Leadership**

Rankin President Allen Greene is succeeded by newly installed Rankin President Bruce Mc Mordie.

Some thoughts on Leadership:

Leadership traits that work are timeless. The principles and values of good leaders during the American Revolution are also useful today.

...a good moral character is the first essential in a man...It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous. – George Washington

Men often oppose a thing merely because they have had no agency in planning it, or because it may have been planned by those whom they dislike. -Alexander Hamilton

The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them. – Patrick Henry

"Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." -John Adams

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives. -James Madison

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### New Member



Above (L-R) Allen Greene, new member Edward Semler, and Fred Jackson.





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The meeting was opened by President Allen Greene at 6:45 pm which was preceded by dinner commencing at 6:00pm. Programs presented by SAR members were: Historical (1), Educational (1), and Patriotic (0). Those chapter members and guests in attendance are noted on the attached sign in sheets that are incorporated by reference in these minutes. 21 were present including 12 Compatriots and 9 guests. Color Guard members in attendance and in uniform: Allen Greene, Michael Bierman and Bobby Smith.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated by reference in these minutes. In addition, any awards that were presented are also attached complete with the reasons for the award. The Minutes of the prior meeting were presented.

The invocation was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Compatriot Jerry Clanton.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Jerry Clanton.

The SAR Creed was led by Compatriot Jerry Clanton. The following motion was passed in the open chapter meeting after being duly made and seconded:

Resolved that the officer slate be elected as presented including Bruce McMordie as President, Tom Jackson as Vice President and genealogist, Michael Bierman as Secretary, Alex Thorne as Treasurer and Chaplain, Tom Jackson and Allen Greene as Historian, Jack Muggli as Registrar, Allan Henshaw as Chancellor, and Jerry Clanton as Sargent at Arms and further resolved that these officers are directed to complete all required bank documents and state society documents. The officers were inducted by Dan Meadows.

This Day in History: Compatriot Fred Jackson spoke about Boston Massacre.

**Educational Presentation**: Dr. Lisa Mundey, professor at University of St. Thomas, gave an educational presentation on teenage patriots and their contributions to the Revolution.

Compatriot Bobby Smith led the recessional and the Benediction was given by Compatriot Alex Thorne. President Allen Greene adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this date of March 16, 2019.

Michael Bierman Secretary Allen Greene President



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#### In Attendance

Compatriots present (6): Michael Bierman Jerry Clanton Steven Graves Dan Meadows Bill Sorrells Alex Thorne

Guests (3): Joe Beatty Bernice Mistrot Lisa Mundey

#### Awards & Recognitions (SAR):

Certificate of Appreciation Award: Allen Greene Compatriots with spouses present (12): Allen & Linda Greene Fred & Brenda Jackson Theron & Olga McLaren (DAR) Bruce & Kathleen McMordie Ed & Jana Semler Bobby & Nita Smith