

# Robert Rankin Chapter #62

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### *Looking Forward 2006*

*by Kelly McBride, President (2006-2007)*

It is difficult to contemplate improving upon the results that the Chapter enjoyed this past year. The Chapter was awarded outstanding chapter of its size in the State, no small accomplishment since most of the 49 chapters are our size! We had a member of our chapter and his wife, Ed and Gail Raines, each were awarded the State Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for their outstanding contributions in the flag program. We reached high water marks for participation in our poster contest, essay contest, flag program, color guard participation, and Eagle scout recognition!

Still, improvement will be achieved, and new goals will be set.

The first goal centers on membership. We wish to add five new members to our chapter during the current year. In attendance we want to increase the number of members coming to our meetings. Last year less than thirty percent of our members were present at meetings and we want to strive for fifty percent participation.

The Chapter's principal focus has been on youth oriented programs. Although our chapter will retain this as our primary

approach, we plan to initiate a veterans program this year. We hope to have a joint program with a veterans organization.

Communication with our members is key to our organization. This will be enhanced through a series of initiatives: contacting all members twice by email prior to each meeting, calling all members once every two meetings, initiation of our newsletter, and the creation of our web page.

We hope to continue our youth programs and increase the number of members participating in these programs.

### *Our April Meeting*

During April our newest member David Crum was initiated and our last two officers, Ed Raines and David Jones were installed. It was an evening for presentations! Leading off was Chancellor Allan Henshaw with a fine discussion of SAR medals and the proper wearing of them. A power point presentation was made by Tom Jackson on Patriot's Day and also an Educational presentation on events that occurred in the six months prior to the battle of Lexington & Concord with a focus on some of the key people involved. Kelly McBride made a Historical presentation on his relative, General Artemas Ward.

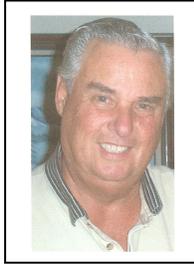
### *Upcoming Events*

May 10, 6:30 p.m. – Social Meeting at IHOP, Speaker: Marc Koepplinger,  
Team Leader, Special Forces Reaction Team in Afghanistan and Iraq

June 7, 6:30 p.m. – Social Meeting at IHOP

July 8-12, NSSAR Annual Convention in Dallas

August 4-6, Board of Managers meeting in Lake Jackson

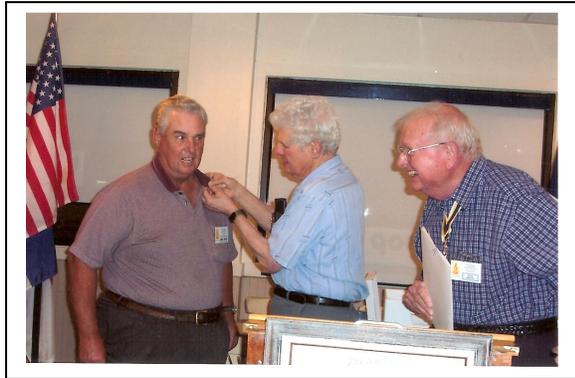


*Member  
Spotlight*  
**David Crum,  
Member, 2006  
Robert Rankin Chapter**

**Personal:** Born in 1938 in Dallas, Texas. He married Virginia Sue Byrd in 1957. David and Sue have two sons, David Lee Crum and Michael Edward Crum, four granddaughters, and one grandson.

**Educational:** David graduated from Sunset High School, located in Dallas, Texas, in 1957. Subsequently he attended the Dallas College of SMU specializing in Insurance and earned the Insurance Institute of America designation.

**Military:** He served three years active duty in the Naval Reserves stationed at NAS Dallas as YN3 and three years in active duty in a BARTU Squadron.



New Compatriot David Crum receives his rosette from Past President Gus Mistrot while current President Kelly McBride offers congratulatory remarks.

**Professional:** David joined the Dallas based family insurance business, Lee Crum Insurance Agency, and became a partner. David continued in the insurance business with different firms located in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio in the capacity of an underwriter as well as in marketing. He served as a manager of a Radio Shack Computer Center and ultimately retired in the insurance field returning to marketing.

**Genealogical:** David is the newest member of the Robert Rankin Chapter and joined the NSSAR in 2006. His ancestor is John Drake who is considered to be a collateral descendant of explorer Sir Francis Drake.

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**Fast Fact:** Did you know: that Paul Revere made more than one nighttime ride? that Salem could have been the start of the American Revolution? that Dr. Church & Benedict Arnold had much in common?



Historian David Jones and Registrar Ed Raines are installed by Chancellor Allan Henshaw

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