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*Our May Meeting*

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This meeting is my second as Chapter President and I have come to appreciate the vast amount of work and coordination needed to make such a meeting happen. Acutely aware of my limitations and lack of experience I ask for your support in the months ahead. In an effort to continue the success that this Chapter has enjoyed I submit to you a list of goals and objectives I have personally set for the coming year. I invite each committee chairman to develop his own sets of goals and objectives which should take into consideration the excellent work done in past years. Once again I ask for your support to ensure continued success and maintenance of the high standards of achievement already established. If we together can take one more step, recruit one more member, become involved in one more program we will do justice to those who have done so much in the past.



Shown above, left to right, is Rankin VP Bob Smith and President David Jones. David has just joined the color guard and is shown here explaining his goals for the Chapter.



Our guest speaker was Marilyn Finer-Collins, DAR Regent Ann Poage Chapter. She gave a historical presentation as Anne Burras, a maid and one of the first ladies to arrive at Jamestown Colony in Virginia. Her first person portrayal of the life of Anne Burras was stirring, she told of her arrival as a fourteen-year-old, surviving the “Starving Time”, and giving birth to her daughter Virginia in 1610. Marilyn was presented a coffee mug and a Speaker COA.



Ed Raines, shown on the left, reminds us of the evolution of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day by weaving the story through the fabric of the different flags that influenced and were influenced by the Resolution that became the Flag Act!.



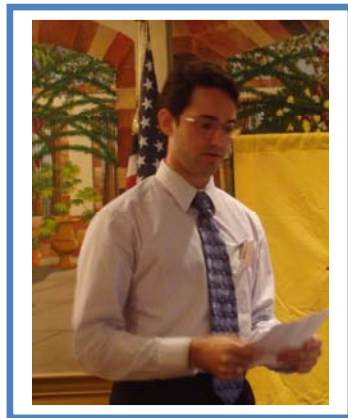
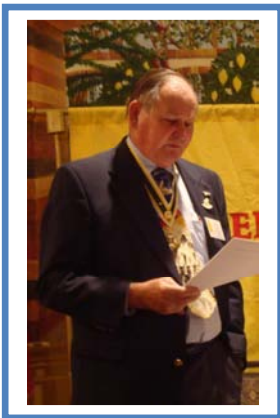
Color Guard Commander Patrick Kerr has enlightened the members with his historical overview of Arlington House. We all know that Arlington was the home of Robert E. Lee and became a cemetery as a result of the War Between the States and is also where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier can be found. Patrick told us the rest of the story. Arlington House was built by George Washington Parke Custis and was almost named Mount Washington by Custis. Custis collected memorabilia of his stepfather, George Washington, including his commander's tent. He routinely held large social events at the house and the highlight was presentation of the possessions of George Washington.

Posters, posters, and more posters is really what May is all about...

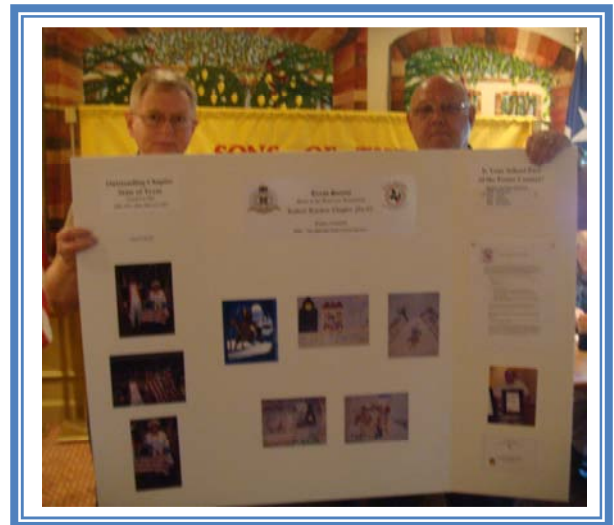
Shown below from left to right are Miguel Helguero, Steven B. Pustejovsky, Principal Sundown Elementary; David Jones and Ed Raines, our Poster Prince. Miguel's entry was the Rankin winning entry and 3<sup>rd</sup> in State. Ed distributed 253 poster certificates during May which unofficially leads the state.



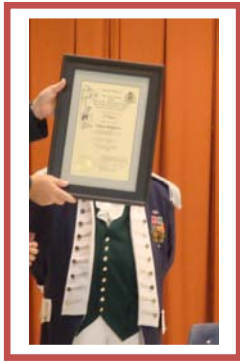
(Editors' note: Sundown Elementary is so supportive of the poster program that their achievements are listed on the school website!)



Vice President Bob Smith, left, tells of his ancestor Captain William Paxton of Virginia. Capt. Paxton was also a member of the Justice's Court and a church elder. Bobby also pointed out that he is a cousin of Sam Houston IV. Compatriot Ash Jackson, right, provides a review of Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day.



To further market the poster program, Steve Tanner, left, made this tri fold which will be displayed wherever Ed Raines, right, does a flag show. Well done Compatriots!



**The Bully  
Pulpit  
By David Jones**

(Editor's note:  
David, we like  
your new hat!)

*The following are goals and objectives that I have established for our Chapter:*

**Goal:** To increase Chapter membership  
**Objective:** Encourage each member to recruit one new member during the year.  
**Objective:** Encourage the Chapter Registrar to respond quickly to potential new members.

**Goal:** To increase financial support of the Youth Programs.  
**Objective:** Apply for Community Service Grants to Wal-Mart Stores within our service area.

**Goal:** Have the Rankin Chapter be recognized once again as the Outstanding Chapter in the State of Texas.  
**Objective:** Work with Committee Chairmen and urge that each does a bit more.  
**Objective:** Work on the annual reports, both state and national, to be aware of requirements and program goals.

The following are goals and objectives that I have established as a Committee Chairman:

**Goal:** To recruit one additional High School to participate in the Knight Essay Contest.  
**Objective:** Conduct liaison visits to High Schools within our community and explain the benefits of participation in the essay contest.

**Goal:** To recruit one additional High School American History Teacher to participate in the Tom & Betty Lawrence Outstanding American History Teacher Contest.  
**Objective:** To conduct personal interviews

with American History Teachers, teaching Advanced Placement American History, to explain the advantages of participating in the Contest.

**Goal:** To place in the top three finalists in the SAR Essay Contest at the State level.  
**Objective:** Provide guidance for writing a winning essay to students and guidance to graders ensure a fair, unbiased, and standard grading system.

*May Celebrations*



During our May meeting we celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gus Mistrot, Past President of the Robert Rankin Chapter. Gus, shown below, is holding a book on George Washington that he just received from the Chapter.



(Editors note: Is that picture hog Compatriot Jackson showing up in the mirror? Does he have to try and be in every photo?)

[Color Guard Report, By Patrick Kerr](#)

First and foremost, I would like to welcome David Jones as the newest member of our color guard. He is a welcome addition and is already lined up to make several appearances!

I am pleased to report that we awarded 13 JROTC medals this May and in cooperation with Flag Certificate Chairman Jackson we awarded each school a flag certificate. Included with the Flag Certificate was a copy of the Rankin Register explaining the NSSAR and also a letter reminding our JROTC Commanders of the Extended JROTC program.

This summer we have committed to participating in a Fourth of July Celebration with the Katy VFW Post, the Tomball Freedom Celebration, and the South Central Regional meeting of the CAR.



In the picture above, Compatriot Tom Jackson on the right, is in the process of awarding the JROTC medal and certificate to a junior cadet from Langham Creek High School. In recognition of the retirement of Principal Strother, the Cadet received the cash equivalent of a \$150 savings bond as part of the award.

*Did you know?*

The Rankin Chapter celebrates each of the eight patriotic holidays as outlined by the state and national organizations by having a compatriot address each topic at our meetings in addition to remembering the event in our newsletters. More significantly our color guard and members are often present as participants in events sponsored by other groups that also celebrate these events.

This September the Rankin Chapter will once again celebrate Constitution Week. A representative from the Houston Bar Association will be present to speak on the Constitution. As always, the public is invited!

*Upcoming Events:*

*Sep 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting,  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting*

*Board of Managers Meeting  
Jul 31<sup>st</sup> to Aug 2<sup>nd</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Lake Jackson  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Richardson*

*Children of the American Revolution  
South Central Regional  
Jun 26<sup>th</sup> to Jun 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Check State Website*

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